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STALIN THE NEW MACHIARELLI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 Paris, To-day.

"Even if Russia continues to pursue her present policy, she will do her best to prevent Hitler's real victory as a German triumph would spell the beginning of her end," M. Henri de Kerillis, well-known political commentator, writes in the Rightist "Epoque."

"Russia probably will continue to take advantage of Hitler's critical position to pursue her own imperialistic aims, and will make the final choice between Germany and the Allies only when both sides are actually engaged in a deadly struggle."—Havas.

YONAI TO BE PUT TO THE TEST

Tokyo, To-day.

The Yonai Cabinet, which has successfully passed through the session of the Diet, is now expected to devote its full capacity to the execution of its promised policies along the line of settlement of the "China Incident."

The extent of the political ability of the Cabinet, according to observers, is expected to be indicated in connection with the compiling of the working budget for the 1940-1941 financial year in about April or May.

Among the major political matters confronting the Government are:

Firstly, the extension of recognition to the Wang Ching-wei regime;

Secondly, the adjustment of relations with Third Powers interested in China; and

Thirdly, the perfection of Japan's wartime economic system.

BUDGET BATTLE

Objection to the compiling of the working budget is expected from some quarters and there is a likelihood the Government will face a serious political difficulty in its compilation.

It is even admitted that the question will be the deciding factor in the fate of the Cabinet.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S FORCEFUL SPEECH MEETS WITH THE ENTIRE APPROVAL OF THE NEWSPAPERS, OF ALL SHADES OF OPINION.

It is interpreted to mean that Britain and France now intend to enforce the blockade with greater firmness.

As the "Daily Mail" puts it, the speech was a remarkable warning to ourselves and to the neutrals.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "There is no lack of consideration in this country for the difficulties of the neutral countries. We know they are under duress, but they have the means of defence in their hands."

"If the small States stood together and refused the supplies whereby alone Hitlerism can maintain its strength in arms, they would make themselves secure."

"The first objective of the new Nazi offensive against them is moral paralysis."

No Defence

"Weakness will be no defence. If the neutral countries prove unequal to safeguarding themselves against

LONDON, TO-DAY.

the ruin of submission to Nazism, the Allies must ensure that their territory is no longer a means for the evasion of the blockade of the Reich."

The "News Chronicle" says: "The tone and substance of Mr. Churchill's broadcast was admirable. What Britain wants now is to see the noose of the blockade pulled tight, as tight as it will go."

The Words — Now Action

The "Daily Herald" declares that the British people have applauded the Allied Declaration and Mr. Churchill's broadcast, and now they want to see those pronouncements carried into practical effect.

The "Daily Herald" then suggests that in a Cabinet reconstruction, the public wants men chosen for their ability alone and "most of all the country wants to see Britain's sea power used ruthlessly to prevent Hitler from buying the sinews of war."—Reuter.

GERMAN ATTACK ON AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"The German White Paper, which incriminates America and its diplomatic representatives, constitutes the most shameless attempt to meddle in American home affairs."

"It aims to reinforce the isolationists and to alienate American public opinion against President Roosevelt and his Administration." "Le Journal" declares.

The paper adds: "We have good reason to believe that it is only the first of big scale diplomatic manoeuvres planned by Herr von Ribbentrop."

"Le Jour" states: "The affair will certainly have important diplomatic consequences. The inventions of the White Paper, the Nazi form of retaliation for American reluctance to help Hitler to get peace on his own terms, constitute one of those grave blunders of which German diplomacy has given us so many examples."—Havas.

SWEDEN NOT DECEIVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

"Russia could strangle Poland when that country had already been defeated by Germany."

"Russia could impose her will upon Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and obtain a few concessions from Finland after three months of bloody war."

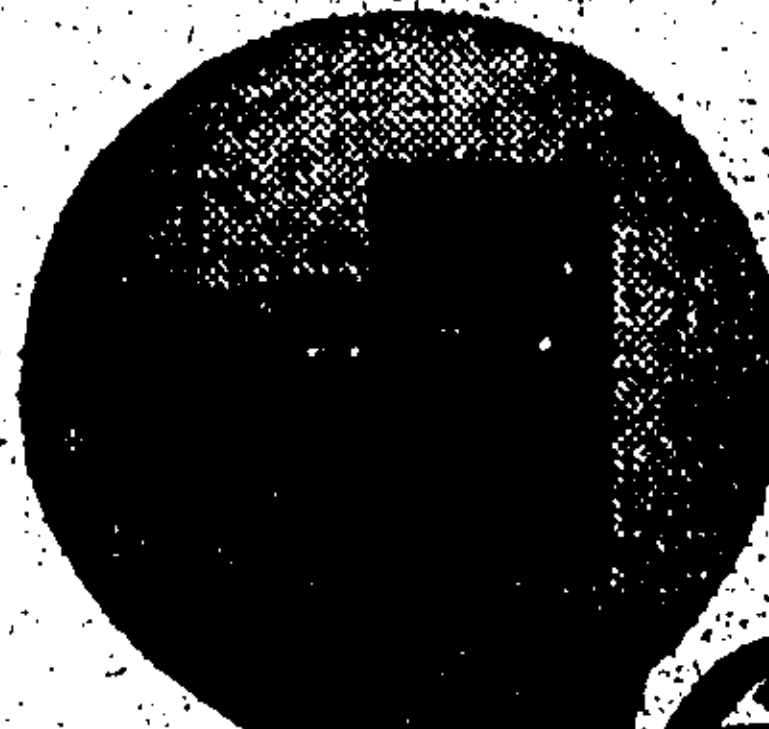
"But we are sure that the Soviet will not have the daring to face adversaries such as Britain and France."

This is the tone adopted by the "Social Demokraten" in an editorial comment on Molotov's speech.

Other Scandinavian papers draw attention to the passage referring to the Finnish situation, and most of them point out that an imminent danger exists for the Nordic countries which "whether formally allied or not, must co-operate against the common danger."—Havas.

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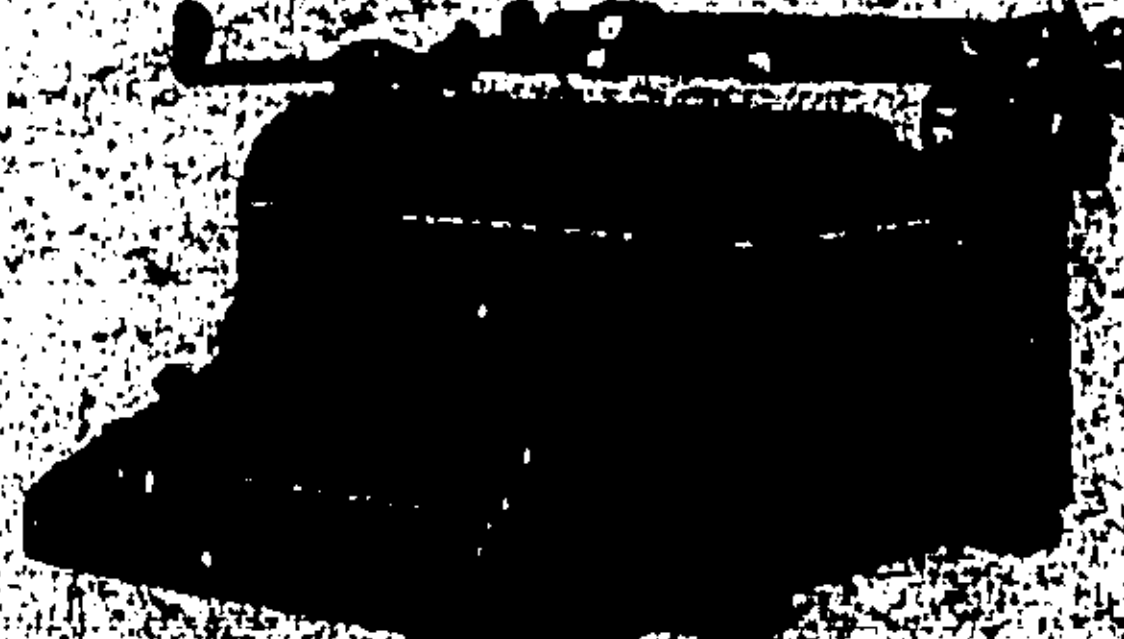
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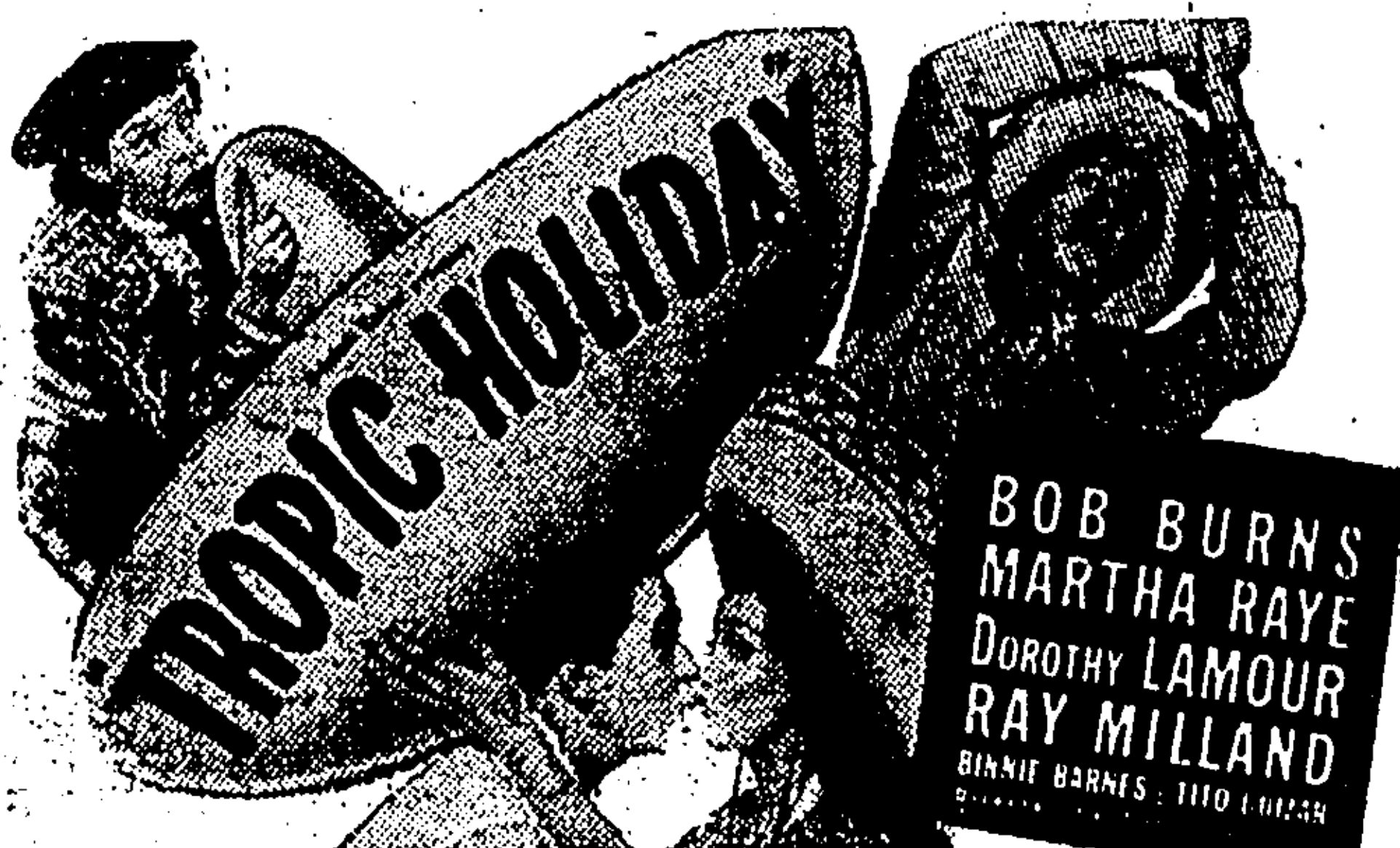
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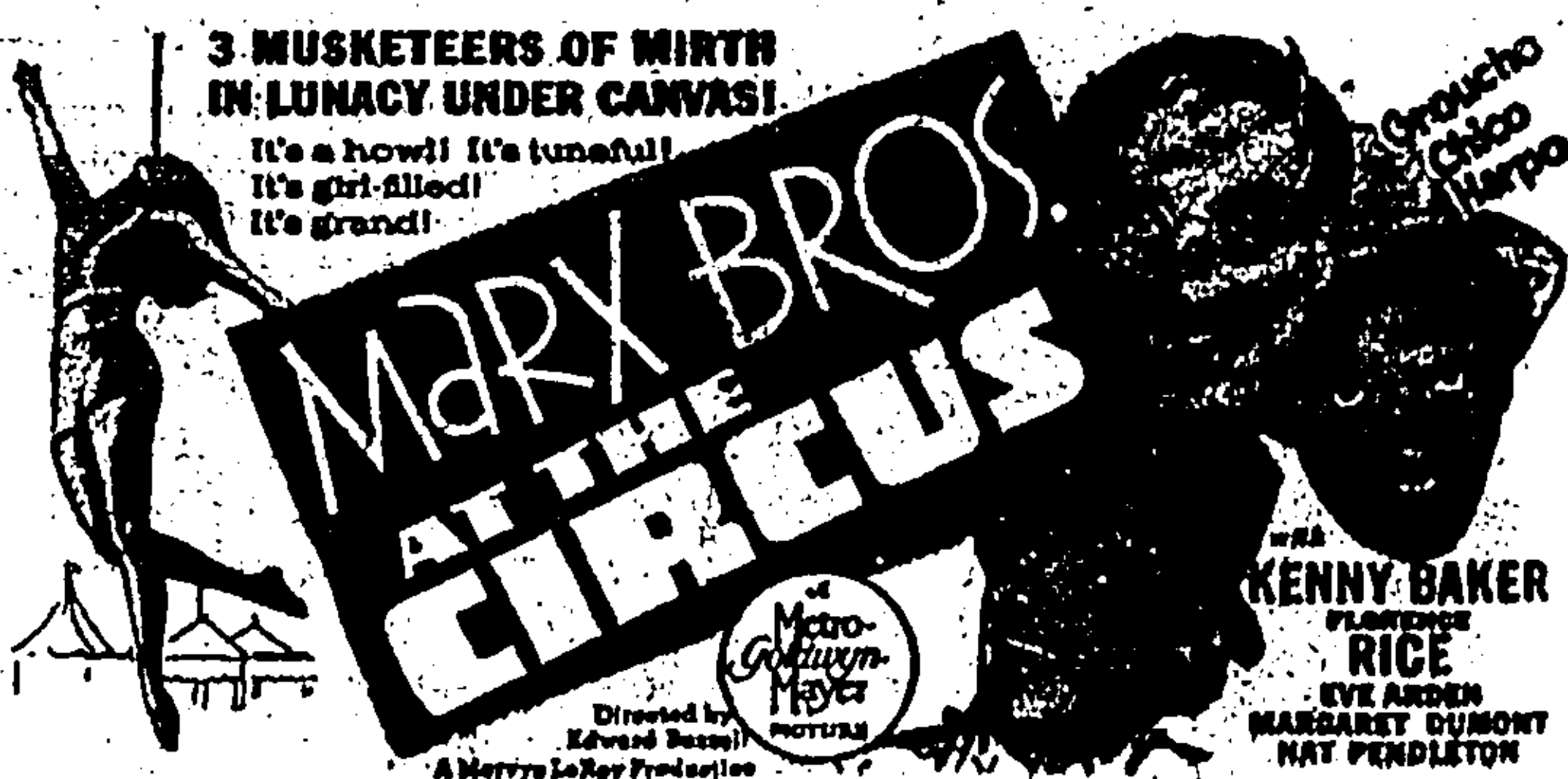


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IMPRESSIVE AUCKLAND FUNERAL

Auckland, To-day.

The funeral of the late
Prime Minister, Mr. R. J.
Savage, took place yesterday
in the presence of 200,000
people.

Both Roman Catholic and Maori
rites were observed at the ceremonies.
The body was interred at the old
Fort bastion overlooking Auckland
Harbour.

Over a 100,000 lined the route on
Saturday to pay their last respects to
the dead leader as the most impres-
sive funeral procession in New Zea-
land's history passed through Wellin-
ton's main streets to the station.

The Governor-General, Viscount
Galway, headed the procession which
included the High Commissioners of the
United Kingdom and Canada, the Gov-
ernor of Fiji, Consular representatives,
Maoris and Samoans. — Reuter.

FINLAND'S EFFORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Helsinki, To-day.

Finland is now trying hard to bring
order out of disorder.

It is hoped that some estimate of
the financial position will be available
soon.

The Finns have not given up hopes
of holding the Olympic Games. There
is still talk about the matter in of-
ficial and general circles, and there are
still some hopes it will be possible to
hold the Games in Finland. — Havas.

SOUTH AFRICA AIR SERVICE REVIVAL

London, To-day.

The Empire flying boat service to
Durban will be fully restored this
week. There will be two return

PENALTY FOR ANTI- COMMUNISM

• Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt, pre-
sident of the German Athletic
Federation and vice-president of
the German Olympic Committee,
is "in disgrace," according to the
French sporting newspaper
L'Auto.

He is said to have been asked
to retire to his Bavarian estate
owing to his opposition to Com-
munism.

DISTRUST IN EIRE ARMY

ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE DIS-
CIPLINE AND MORALE OF THE
EIRE ARMY WERE MADE IN THE
DAIL BY MR. JAMES DILLON, DE-
PUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION,
BEFORE THE ANNUAL
ARMY BILL WAS PASSED.

There was some fear, he said, that
all was not well in the army because
the policy in building it up was at
fault. He alleged that the recruitment
of a part-time volunteer force that low-
ered the morale of the small regular
army. Many of the volunteers did not
come in to serve the Government, but
to act as spies and political commis-
sars.

Certain volunteers were known to
offer defiance to those over them.
There was a big element of distrust in
the army. This was shown by the re-
cent Magazine Fort raid in Phoenix
Park. He suggested that the volunteer
force should be incorporated in the
regular army or disbanded.

Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister for the
Co-ordination of Defence, denied the
allegations. He said that the army was
as loyal and disciplined a force as there
was in the world.

flights weekly to Durban, as was the
schedule before war broke out. —
Reuter.

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NEW TACTICS OF DR. GOEBBEL'S LIE MACHINE

London, To-day.

DURING MARCH, THERE has been one interesting thing about Nazi propaganda, says a BBC Observer, in review of Nazi propaganda.

Dr. Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry is now trying hard to make people believe in its truthfulness. There are signs Goebbels is disturbed by the reaction to the fantastic Nazi claims at the beginning of the war — in connection, for instance, with the Graf Spee battle, which the Germans first claimed as a "great victory," and the "sinking," repeatedly, of the Ark Royal.

These false claims have left their mark and the Germans are now trying to re-establish their reputation, even to the extent of apparently frankly admitting their own losses. These admissions are not necessarily truthful, but they have admitted the loss of one 'plane almost as soon as the Air Ministry has announced it in London.

The idea is to create the impression of frankness, but things slipped badly over the Nazi raid on Scapa Flow and the R.A.F. raid on Sylt.

Take Scapa Flow; London announced one warship was damaged, not seriously, and it was not a capital ship. There were seven naval casualties and eight civilian casualties.

The Germans claimed they had seriously damaged three battleships and one cruiser and probably damaged two more warships.

CHEARST WOULD

You may believe that if you like; one or two American papers did — but please remember the precise claim — one-fifth of the total capital ships of the Royal Navy. The future will show how much reliability there is in German news accounts.

Take the R.A.F. raid on Sylt:

The Germans first announced one British 'plane was shot down. This, according to London, was the true figure.

But old habits got the better of Goebbels' Propaganda Boys and they raised the figure to three, and eventually stepping it up to six.

In connection with this escalator principle, it should be remembered that according to Nazi 'philosophy,' truth is relative. The Nazis will have won one-half of the fight if they can persuade the world that Allied news is not reliable.

There has been another interesting phase — the accusation against the B.B.C. and the British Press of saying something they did not say, and then proving that it is false.

CORRECT EXCEPT

For instance, the German broadcast to South American in Spanish at 3 a.m. on Saturday, alleged that the B.B.C. had stated that Wednesday and Thursday had been the most successful days for English aviation, since six or seven German 'planes and an enemy patrol vessel had been destroyed.

The German announcer continued that by claiming this, the BBC had refuted its own statements about the raids on Sylt, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven. He was quite right — except that the BBC never made the statement attributed to it by the German radio!

HANS FRISCHER

With regard to the British Press: Hans Frischer, who broadcasts to the German people in order to keep up their faith in the Propaganda Ministry, last Tuesday, said the "Sunday Express" had claimed in big type that it had now become known that 32 German 'planes had been destroyed on the ground by British bombers on the raid on Sylt. Herr Frischer went on to elaborate; he told his audience — which is, of course, not allowed to read the "Sunday Express" — that this "news report" had been based on information from a German eye-witness broadcasting from a secret station in Germany.

Herr Frischer denied that any such secret transmitter was in operation.

The real point, however, is that the "Sunday Express" did not say anything of the kind. It only had one story about Sylt and that was about British enterprise which had built the railway across the Hindenburg Dam.

"DAILY MAIL" NEXT

On Friday, March 29, nearly every German broadcast gave a story purporting to have appeared in the "Daily Mail" that British pilots had been questioned by court-martial for making false reports of their successes.

On Saturday, March 30, the "Daily Mail" promptly came out with a notice. This notice placed on record the following facts:—

No such story had ever appeared in the "Daily Mail." Nothing remotely resembling it had ever appeared in the "Daily Mail." The "Daily Mail" learned on the highest authority that no court-martial of this description has ever been held.

There can be no question here of the Germans being badly mis-informed; they simply made the story up and planted it on the "Daily Mail." These are aspects of the campaign to make the world believe the Nazi account of the war rather than the Allied version.

It is worth remembering Hitler's Creed:—"If you want a lie to be believed, you must make it a big one."

—Reuter

CALL FOR DAY STRIKE

Chungking, To-day.

A manifesto denouncing Wang Ching-wei has been issued by the Shanghai Vocation Youth's Anti-Wang Ching-wei League.

The manifesto declares that the Chinese people will never capitulate and will continue their life-and-death struggle against the Japanese and their puppets.

The manifesto calls for a general strike for one day as an indication to Wang Ching-wei that the people of Shanghai will not be submissive. — Central News.

FACADE NOT REALITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Danish papers print without comment an address given at a meeting of sporting associations by M. Hambro.

He declared his opposition to any foreign policy which considered such things as a Nordic alliance, which would merely be a facade and not reality. — Havas.

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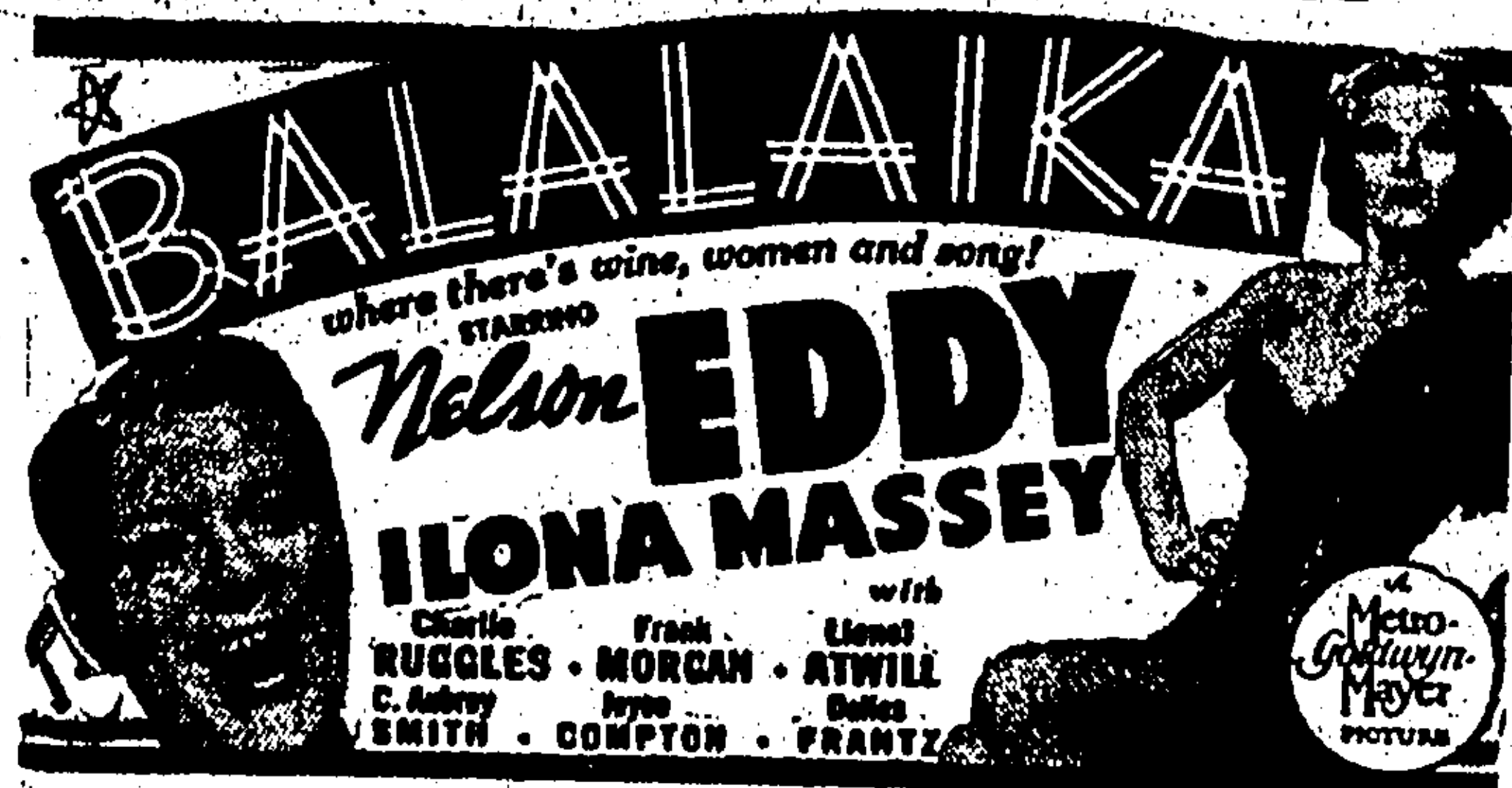
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AN AGE IN 15 MINUTES!

London, To-day.

DISCUSSING RECENT EVENTS in the Skager Rak, the strip of water separating the north tip of Denmark and south Norway, events which included the sinking of the German freighters Hedderheim and Edmund Hugo Stinnes by British submarines, a Naval Observer says that one of the most interesting features of this activity was the fact that the Skager Rak might justifiably be considered "home base" for the Germans.

Discussing the routes of the German iron-ore carrying ships, he said that the first part of the trip was "easy," being in Norwegian territorial waters, where the enemy was not allowed to operate. When the ships reach the Skager Rak, however, different circumstances prevail.

Two routes lie before the ships. The quickest is down the west coast of Denmark, to Hamburg, a good port for unloading iron-ore cargoes. It means a dash across the Skager Rak, with the enemy lurking in the North Sea.

The other route is down the east coast of Denmark; this is almost as good as "home waters." The whole journey could be made in neutral and German territorial waters, but the latter part of the journey is more dangerous owing to rocks and other navigational dangers.

Knowing that the cargoes are urgently needed, the ships decide to run the risk of making the 60-mile dash across the Skager Rak. Protecting ships can be held ready to guard them.

THE OTHER SIDE.

On the other side of the picture, the Royal Navy has the disadvantage of being in someone else's garden. Mines and anti-submarine devices abound and have to be discovered—or else.

Then, too, the naval units have to operate some 500 miles from their home base and as they have to travel the same distance home again, operating time is limited. They also have to try and give no warning of their approach.

But German ships have been sunk. Here again, things are difficult for the Navy, for the submarine has to surface, warn the ship and give the crew 15 minutes to abandon ship. What an age that 15 minutes must be!

The submarine has to lie on the surface, knowing well that it is a target for planes and that the German ship must have sent out an "SOS" message and rescue craft are speeding to the scene.

SEEMS INCREDIBLE

At last, the crew gets away. The submarine dives and fires its torpedo, sliding into the murky depths as the rescue craft arrive.

It seems incredible they should be able to operate at all, and even more so that they should give the German crews time to get into their boats.

But they do manage it, and the fact that the German Admiralty has cancelled merchant sailings suggests that the Germans share the view that the Royal Navy can do so in the future.—Reuter.

GUNNER IN WANCHAI INCIDENT

GUNNER LESLIE BUCKLEY, R.A., WAS BOUND OVER BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WHEN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A CHINESE WOMAN IN LANDALE STREET ON SATURDAY.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. The woman, Pau Po-yiu, said she was standing by her stall at about 6.30 p.m. when defendant passed and took two oranges. She demanded their return and defendant slapped her face. Her son blew a police whistle, and defendant was apprehended.

Yeung Kwan, the son, said he saw defendant strike his mother.

Defendant said he was with two friends, Gnr. Homer and Gnr. Archer. He accidentally knocked off two oranges from the woman's stall. After he had passed, and was looking in a shop window of a shop, she approached and struck him on the forehead with a clog.

DEFENDANT'S STORY

When at Wanchai Police Station, he alleged, a Police Inspector told him to give two dollars to the woman and call the whole thing off, but he refused, and was brought in Court.

Gnr. Homer, for the defendant, said he saw the woman strike Gnr. Buckley on his back.

Gnr. Archer told the Court that she threw a clog at the defendant's back.

Defendant was ordered to sign a bond of \$25 to be of good behaviour for one year.

He was also ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

HEARING FIXED FOR WEDNESDAY

The case in which Joseph Renee Alexander Turcotte, 33, described as a religious student, a Canadian subject, is charged with indecent assault, was fixed for hearing at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning when the man appeared on \$500 bail.

Mr. J. M. D'Almeida, Barrister, is representing Turcotte and Sub-Inspector B. Cuckingham is for the prosecution.

SCIENTISTS KILL DOG, REVIVE IT

A dead dog has been brought back to life during an interesting experiment at the All Union Institute of Experimental Medicine in Moscow. The dog was killed and its blood was pumped out. The red blood cells were then separated and put into a warm solution designed to replace the liquid part of the blood, which had sucked up the poison.

The new "blood" was pumped back into the dog which came to life again. The operation took four minutes fifty-five seconds.

ARMED GANGSTER'S APPEAL

In Full Court of Appeal, composed of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, Tsang Sang, who was sentenced to life imprisonment at the August Sessions, unsuccessfully appealed against the severity of the sentence on conviction of armed robbery and shooting with intent.

Tsang was sentenced by Sir Atholl MacGregor and was not legally represented. His ground of appeal was that the two men charged with him were sentenced to only ten and four years' hard labour respectively. If his sentence was reduced, he assured the Court, he would not be involved in robbery again.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Justice Lindsell, dismissing the appeal said:—

"It seems to us that you were very lucky in not having had to stand trial for murder.

"You committed a most brazen armed robbery in broad daylight and got away with considerable booty. You appeared to be one of those who fired at the constable and when you were run to earth you fired both at Sergeant Pope and Constable C351. Further, when you were arrested you were found to be in possession of no less than 53 rounds of ammunition.

"Your record is also exceedingly bad. In 1929 you were sentenced to three years for robbery in consequence of which you were banished for ten years. You were found in the Colony again in 1934 and the Police have very good reason to believe you took part in another robbery at that time. In January, 1936 you were arrested for possession of arms and on that charge and for breach of the deportation order you were sentenced to one and three years respectively. You were then banished for life. A month before the crime in respect of which you are appealing you were before the Court for breach of the banishment order and sentenced to four years. You took advantage of the clemency of the Government in releasing you almost immediately by committing this villainous robbery.

"As regards your co-defendants, they had no criminal record. We are, therefore, of the opinion that your appeal should be dismissed. Sentence is confirmed."

SANTHIA INCIDENT

Charged with aiding and abetting Cheng Ki-yung to commit larceny on board the s.s. Santhia on Saturday, at a Kowloon Godowns' Wharf, Yu Sang,

GERMANY HIT ON SORE SPOT

London, To-day.

The Gothenburg paper "Handels Tidningen" says that the energetic British naval action in the Skager Rak and Kattegat has hit the Germans on a sore spot.

The nervousness of Nazi Germany is obvious and Norway has felt it already.

Information from Berlin indicates that German pressure, as well as Allied, will increase and the neutrals' position may be seriously threatened.

The "Borsen Zeitung" is thought to express the German point of view when it states, commenting on the Supreme War Council decision, that "England has declared war on the neutrals."

Nevertheless, says the "Handels Tidningen," the certainty with which governing German circles faced the Nordic situation immediately after the Finnish War was over seems to have been given a sharp shaking.

NAZIS RATTLED

In the political flux which is Berlin, there seems only one certain thing, viz., Italian friendship, which includes Hungarian and Yugoslavian loyalty.

On the other hand, Berlin is very anxious about the apparent nonchalance and great secrecy of Moscow's politics.

Neutral observers well notice Berlin's non-confidence about statements denying the existence of German-Russian differences.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING REPLY TO WANG

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

"THE TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN TO NANKING WILL BE WHEN ALL JAPANESE INVADERS ARE DRIVEN FROM THE COUNTRY AND WHEN FINAL VICTORY IS OURS, AND NOT SOONER," DECLARED A SPOKESMAN OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, REFERRING TO WANG CHING-WEI'S PUPPET REGIME AND HIS "RETURN TO NANKING" TALK.

The spokesman pointed out that the removal of China's capital from Nanking to Chungking was adopted to carry out the national policy of long-term resistance and was announced to the people on November 20, 1937.

As the nation's sovereignty stands above all, and as the Government is the organ for the exercising of administrative powers, it would be preposterous to say that this could be possible in Japanese-occupied area under enemy coercion.

Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, is indignant at Wang Ching-wei's farcical claim, the spokesman stated, but it is seen as merely another measure of Japanese aggression foredoomed to failure.

As to the Japanese puppets, they have been proscribed by the Government and their crime will be punished by law.—Central News.

84, represented by Mr. C. A. E. Rum, was this morning remanded until Wednesday by Mr. E. Himsforth at the request of the prosecution.

U.S. SECRETS OF LAST WAR

BLOCKADE PROTESTS IN NEW LIGHT

MANY HITHERTO unknown details of the diplomatic controversies between the United States and both groups of belligerents during the last war appeared in the first volume of the private papers of the former Secretary of State, Mr. Lansing, published by the Department of State.

The papers showed the mounting of official indignation as the world commerce of the United States was squeezed between the upper and lower millstones of the Central and the Entente Powers' blockades.

Protests to Germany now have only an academic interest since current neutrality legislation was specifically designed to remove all causes of friction similar to those which led the United States into war. Documents dealing with the protest to the Entente Powers have, however, a very modern ring, while some observations of Mr. Page, the then American Ambassador in London, were particularly pertinent.

For example, writing to the Secretary of State on Dec. 28, 1914, Mr. Page complained, "You have seemed at times to think that the British were using their sea power to gain commercial advantages. I am persuaded that this is not true. They have but one thought, to starve out the enemy."

CLOAK OF NECESSITY

Within the past few weeks responsible American officials, such as the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Grady, and Mr. Henry Chalmers, Chief of the Foreign Tariffs Section of the Department of Commerce, have complained in the American Press along similar lines. They have complained that British contraband controls were being used under the cloak of war-time necessity to encourage Empire trade at the expense of the United States.

Mr. Page summed up the situation with the warning, "We shall win their [Britain's] approval by standing stoutly for our rights, but not by seeming to accuse them of motives that they have not. You may be sure they go and will go the whole length to keep our good will, provided we thing."

PEACE EFFORTS

In view of Mr. Summer Welles's credit them with wishing to do fair

GERMAN SUPPLIES SABOTAGED BY SOVIETS

AN ASSERTION THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE DELIBERATELY SABOTAGING THE DELIVERY OF RUMANIAN GOODS TO GERMANY OVER THE RAILWAY LINE WHICH RUNS FROM ORASHENI THROUGH THAT PART OF POLAND OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS TO BERLIN, WAS MADE BY THE "NEW YORK TIMES" CORRESPONDENT WHO VISITED THE RUSSO-RUMANIAN FRONTIER.

"One can ascertain," he stated, "that the Russians are deliberately impeding traffic. They have given no end of trouble to the Germans right from the start. No tank car has passed over this line for the Germans, who are afraid that the oil will be kept by Russia."

"The Germans lock up their cars as best they can to prevent them being plundered. Orasheni ought to be a wide-open gate through which Rumanian products should — with the help of Russians — pour into Germany. But the Russians are seeing to it that as little food and wood as possible go through."

"Russia sabotages the Germans and the Germans do not trust the Russians."

mission to Rome and the belligerent capitals, some documents dealing with American peace efforts in the last war are interesting. Mr. Lansing wrote to President Wilson in 1917 that a newspaper correspondent he knew, after visiting the Entente Embassies, felt that "they did not want this Government to take part in peace negotiations because we would be too lenient to Germany."

Mr. Lansing then made the remarkable suggestion that Germany was anxious to have the United States as an antagonist because "when peace was negotiated we would be a generous enemy and favour moderate terms so that the Germans would be protected from the hatred of the Allies."

Mr. Page, in his memorandum of September, 1916, referred to the Col. House Mission without enthusiasm, stating: "There is some sensitiveness about a special envoy conferring with the German Government and then coming to confer with the Governments of the Allies."

HUGE CLAIM AGAINST U.S.

Oslo, To-day.

An agreement for arbitration with a \$69,000,000 claim for compensation, brought by Christopher Hannevig against the United States Government, has been reached by the Governments of Norway and the United States.

The claim arises out of the requisitioning by the U.S. Shipping Board in 1917 of shipbuilding yards with contracts and materials in which M. Hannevig, a Norwegian, held large interests.

His claims for compensation have since been the subject of a protracted dispute between the two governments.

Under the agreement, the two governments have consented to exchange pleas within certain time limits and if within six months after the last plea is presented they have not agreed to a settlement, the matter is to be referred to an American Court of Claims.

The agreement is subject to ratification. — Reuter.

AMERICAN LAD INJURED AT ABERDEEN

A seven-year-old American boy, Gordon Thomas Wimer, was injured, not seriously, yesterday afternoon when he was knocked down by private car No. 4339 in Island Road at Aberdeen.

According to the driver of the car, Yu Chan-chi, the lad darted across the road from behind a stationary vehicle. The boy was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

CHINESE CATHOLICS AND CONFUCIUS

Chinese Catholics are now allowed to pay respect in front of statues or paintings of Confucius, according to an announcement issued in the Colony. The announcement states that the Vatican authorities, following a detailed discussion have agreed to grant the necessary dispensation.

GERMAN RAIDER SURPRISED

London, To-day.

A German raider was caught napping by a British fighter over the North Sea yesterday.

The fighter dived to the attack and riddled the Nazi machine with bullets. The German was last seen flying low, disabled. — Reuter.

BRITAIN EXPECTS PEACE MOVE

London, To-day.

The Political Correspondent of Lord Beaverbrook's paper "Daily Express" says that the British Government will not withdraw recognition of the Chiang Kai-shek government nor give recognition to the Wang Ching-wei government.

But this does not mean that there will be hostility towards the latter, and if there is any prospect of a move which may end the Sino-Japanese conflict on fair terms, British diplomats will co-operate.

It is regarded as possible that the establishment of the new government will lead soon to peace moves by Japan. — Reuter.

NAZI PLANES ATTACK FRENCH WARSHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Two Nazi planes attacked a French warship on Saturday.

All their bombs missed the vessel and they took to their heels when French planes went up. — Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

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MUSSOLINI'S EIGHT POINT PEACE PLAN

Wants To Return To Four-Power Pact System

Federation For The Balkan States

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI has worked out a complete peace plan which he will eventually make public and which revives the four-Powers' pact system initiated in 1935, the well-known political commentator, M. Emile Bure, writes in "L'Ordre."

M. Bure gives the following particulars of Mussolini's plan which he alleged were obtained from good sources and which were confirmed by articles by Signor Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's semi-official mouthpiece.

The plan foresees:—

1. General and simultaneous disarmament on land, air and sea.
2. Conclusion of pact between France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, these Powers forming a European governing body replacing the League of Nations. Europe could be divided in four influence zones the four Powers initiating together against Communist action.
3. Recognition of religious freedom. German Jews would be allowed to settle in Palestine, Italian East Africa and Madagascar.
4. Recognition of freedom of international trade and access to raw materials.
5. Former colonies to be returned to Germany in 20 years time.
6. New Poland to be reconstituted with purely Polish territories.

FEDERATIVE STATE

7. Creation of new federative state comprising Bohemia, Slovakia, Hungary, Danubian federation, including Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bohemia, Slovakia and Hungary.
8. Special customs rights for Italy in Djibuti and re-examination of the status of Italian settlers in Tunisia. Modified of the Suez Canal Convention rendering traffic free for all Powers beginning 1945. Danzig and Austria to remain German.—Havas.

WANG DENOUNCED BY CHINESE ABROAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Telegrams scathing in their comments on the Wang Ching-wei's treason have been despatched to Chungking by the Kuomintang Bureau for Europe and the numerous Chinese communities in France.

The telegrams declare that the Chinese residing abroad fully support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in the struggle until the invader desists from aggression.—Havas.

JAFFE ROAD ROBBERY

Mr. A. van Byner, of No. 7 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, reported last night to the Police that during an absence from his residence between March 25 and March 31, clothing and other household articles, to the value of \$521.50, were stolen.

SCAVENGERS STRIKE IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, To-day.
Ten have died of cholera in Calcutta as a result of the strike of municipal scavengers which began on March 26.

Disregarding religious laws which forbid the higher castes to defile themselves by sweeping refuse, the citizens, the majority of whom are Hindus, are organizing bands of voluntary scavengers.

The strikers are demanding higher wages.—Reuter.

SENATOR PITTMAN AND WANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

"I warmly approve Mr. Cordell Hull's statement.

"Wang Ching-wei's government, set up by Japan as the National Government of China, is but a puppet similar to 'Manchukuo,' stated Senator Key Pittman in a press interview.

The Senator added, "We know what happened to American rights in Manchuria and the zone controlled by the Reformed Nanking Government.

"It is just another violation of the Nine Power Treaty by Japan."—Havas.

LYSOL POISONING

Found ill in Room No. 310 in the Chung Ah Boarding House in Nathan Road at 5.15 a.m. to-day, a 29-year-old Chinese, Ho Wai-shi, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital. It was disclosed that the man was suffering from lysol poisoning. His condition was said to be very serious.

WHAT SOVIET MEANS BY NEUTRALITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The speech of M. Molotov to the Supreme Soviet Council reflects with absolute precision what Soviet policy has been since last September, in the opinion of "La Stampa."

The paper points out that the Commissar's speech abounded in richly-sounding sentences, the real meaning of which is prudently ambiguous.

"Russia is doing her best to take the opportunity of the present situation to push her own immediate egoistic claims, but on the wider issues she maintains an attitude of realistic and opportunistic neutrality.

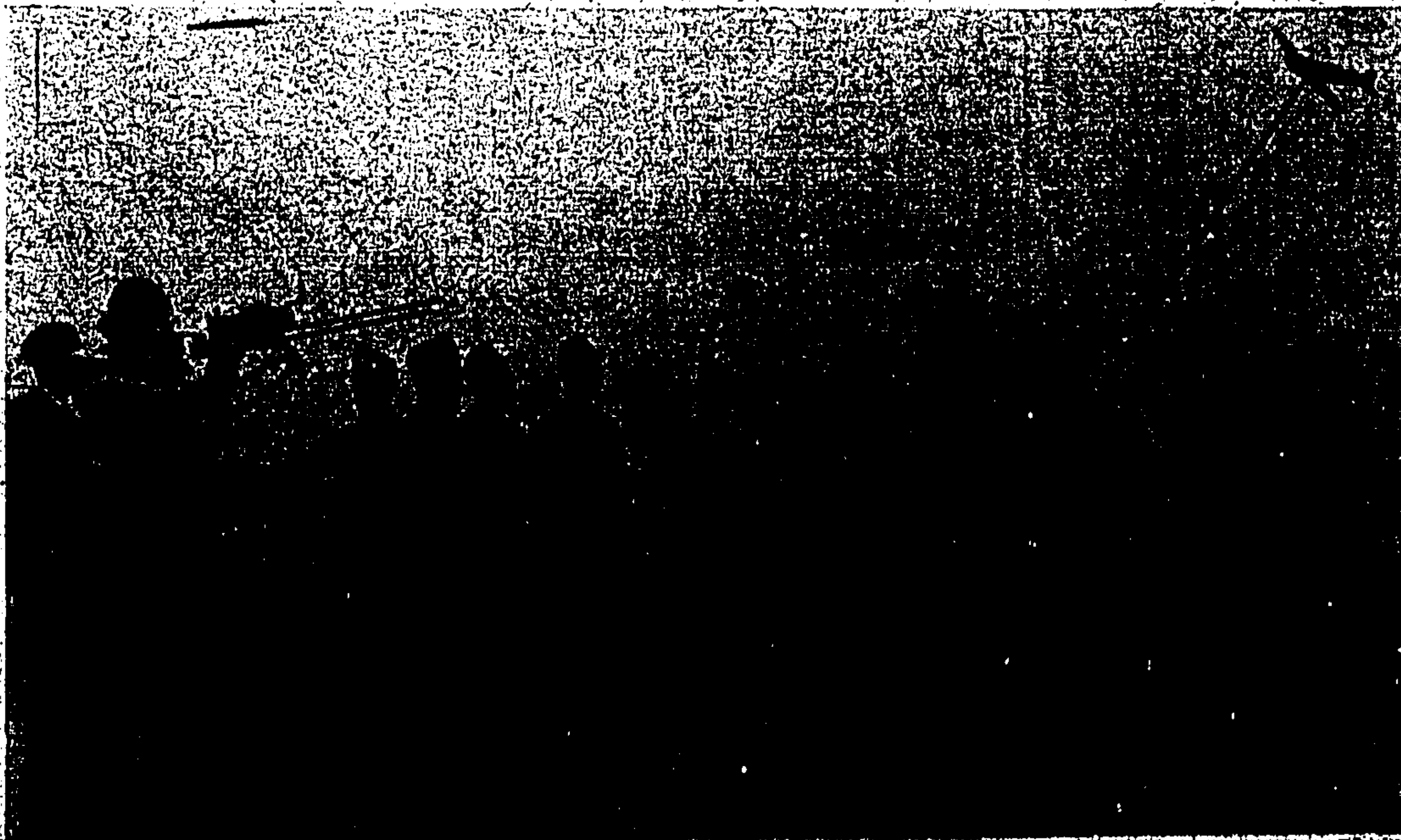
"The Soviet seized the Baltic States and Poland and wants to obtain bases on the Bulgarian and Turkish coasts.

"The Finnish affair was a mere interlude which Stalin stopped as soon as he could, in order to resume his settled policy of waiting for the moment when the strain imposed upon the belligerents will give him an opportunity for satisfying Old Russia's Imperialistic claims and for, eventually, installing Bolshevism throughout Europe and Asia.—Havas.

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Large numbers of men in the R.A.F.V.R. who were called up at the outbreak of war and then sent on leave with full pay, have now been sent to training centres. These pictures were taken at one of these centres—a West coast depot—where the R.A.F. Voluntary Reserve are now being trained as air gunners. Photo shows pole model instruction with a camera gun. (Copyright, Fox)

The Anvil, the Fire and The Hammer

Two Year Plan For Victory; More Ruthlessness

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A "TWO-YEAR PLAN FOR VICTORY" IS GIVEN BY THE "ECONOMIST," WHICH SAYS THAT THREE THINGS ARE NEEDED — AN ANVIL, A FIRE AND A HAMMER.

The anvil is the Allied blockade; the fire, propaganda in the cause of truth; the hammer, military force with which, when the time comes, we can strike.

All three are in existence, and the proposed plan does not involve drastic changes of course — but it does require more ruthlessness in the blockade, more energetic mobilisation of our resources, and that the peoples of the world should be told that inactivity does not mean impotence, caution or cowardice.

It should be stressed that "we have a plan." Progress should be made public month by month, so that we have an anchor for our hopes and the Nazis may see a steady approach of their end.

The paper makes a number of suggestions in connection with democratic advances, some of which may have to be held up during wartime, but which should nevertheless be planned now for peace. — Reuter.

Brains Can Win The War

London, To-day.

Brains can win the war, says Colonel Wedgwood, the Labour M. P. He believes, he says, that this will be a long war in which we will sit down and watch each other. It will be won, not entirely by men and machines, but by wits, new ideas and criticism, which has freer play in a free country than in a dictatorship.

This recalls a recent statement by Mr. Lloyd George, that the last war was won by criticism.—Reuter.

NEW ALLIED TRADE AGREEMENT

Paris, To-day.

An Anglo-French trade protocol has been signed here between Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, and M. Charles Lamoureux, French Minister of Commerce.

The protocol extends the applications of the economic agreement signed last month, and provides, among other things, for the trade in oil between Britain and French territories and France and British territories.

It will be submitted to both governments for ratification. — Reuter.

CONTROL OF SHIPPING IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

A new law which comes into force to-day forbids all Swedish ships over 350 tons to leave port in future without the permission of the Maritime Commission.

Similar restriction is placed on freighters between 150 tons and 350 tons sailing between Sweden and foreign countries as well as freighters below 350 tons sailing between foreign ports.—Reuter.

GESTAPO MAN-HUNT GOES ON

PRAGUE, TO-DAY.
THE "GESTAPO" (NAZI SECRET POLICE) ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE CZECH STUDENT WHO IS SAID TO HAVE SHOT A GESTAPO AGENT TEN DAYS AGO AND TO HAVE KILLED TWO NAZI FRONTIER GUARDS TWO DAYS LATER.

Late on Saturday night, a special court in Prague passed sentence of death on a man said to have warned the student and helped him to escape, while another man was sent to gaol for 10 years for withholding information from the police.

Many arrests have been made of people believed to possess information about the student. So far, Nazi attempts to find the student have not been successful. — Reuter.

BYRD BACK

Santiago, To-day.

Admiral Byrd, back from his Antarctic Expedition, has arrived at Punta Arenas.

He said he was very satisfied with the results of the expedition. A very wide region had been covered by air in order to gather meteorological data.

Admiral Byrd added that they had sailed for 7,000 miles without encountering a ship or land. — Reuter.

TURKISH SHIPPING ORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

An order for the construction of 11 steamers, to the total value of £2,000,000, has been placed by the Turkish Government with Swan, Hunter, Wigam and Richardson, of Wallsend-on Tyne. It is one of the biggest orders placed with British shipping for a long time.—Havas.

NO WASTE OF TIME

London, To-day.

The Soviet Parliament has unanimously passed a law incorporating in the Soviet Union territories Eastern Finland, ceded to the U.S.S.R., according to the Moscow Radio.

The law links the new territory with Soviet Karelia and constitutes the two areas as a unit under the title, Karelia-Finnish Federal Soviet Republic. — Reuter.

EUROPEAN ACCUSED

Accused of having obtained \$30 from a fish dealer by pretending that he had been sent to collect the money by Mr. Taylor of the Imports and Exports Department, Charles Onslow, 40, was arrested yesterday by the Police.

Onslow was charged this morning at the Central Magistracy and remanded for 48 hours.

Complainant is Leung Tak, fish dealer, of No. 13, Jubilee Street.

Miss E. Kelly, of No. 25, Shouson Hill Road, reports the theft of a clock and other articles to the value of \$120 from her residence between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday.

REPLY TO NEAT NAZI PROPAGANDA

London, To-day.

It is officially stated by the Air Ministry that there is no truth whatever in the reports which continue to be broadcast from Germany that British pilots have been court-martialled for having made false reports in regard to operations against the enemy.

The names of two officers have been mentioned in connection with these reports.

Both these officers are employed solely on ground duties and at no time since the outbreak of war has either of them taken part in active operations against the enemy.

Official reports of air operations are issued only by the Air Ministry or from the Headquarters of the British Air Force in France and no claim is included in any such report until the evidence has been fully examined and the claim authenticated. — Reuter.

MR. WELLES AND POLAND

PARIS, TO-DAY.

MR. SUMNER WELLES WROTE LETTERS TO THE POLISH PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL SIKORSKI AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. ZALESKI, BEFORE HE LEFT ROME. This was announced at the Cabinet meeting of Polish Ministers at Angers.

The letters stress the importance of the conversations which took place with the Polish leaders when Mr. Welles was in Paris and express the friendliest feelings for the "great Polish nation." — Reuter.

MME. CHIANG LEAVES

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by Madame Sun Yat Sen, Madame H. H. Hung, and Mr. W. H. Donald, left for Chungking yesterday.

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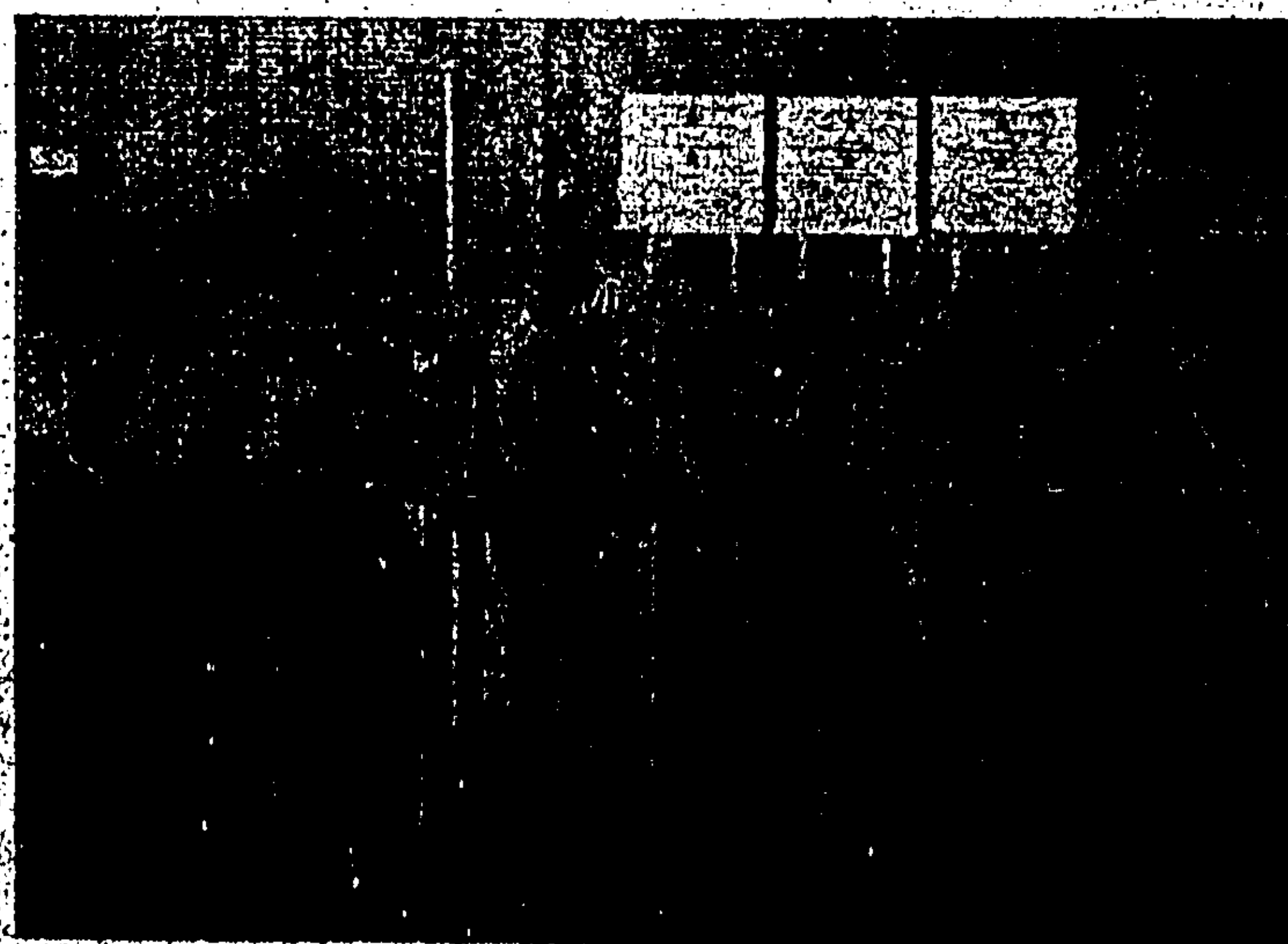


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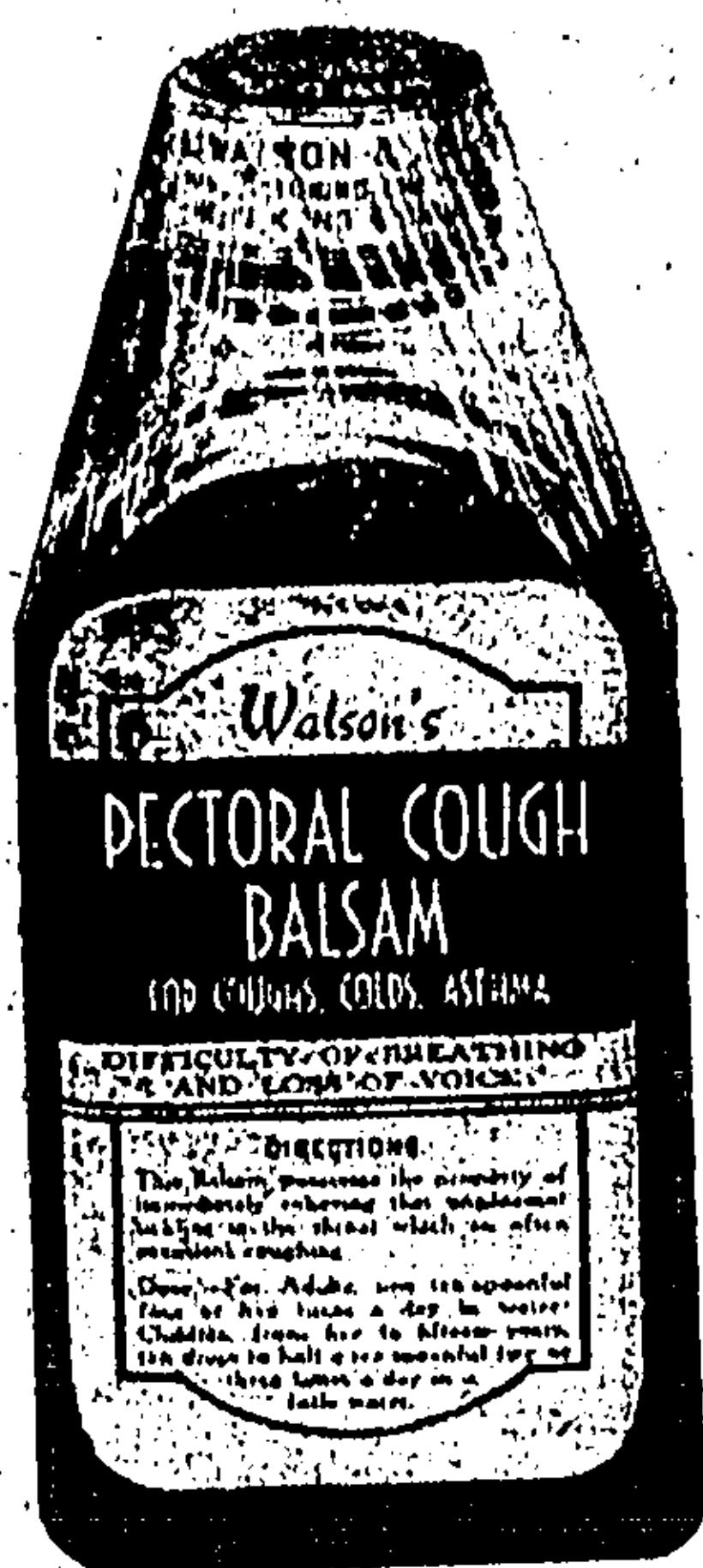
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

AFTER THE WAR

Because the Germany of William II. was succeeded by the democratic Weimar Republic it is widely assumed that, given generous peace terms, a democratic Germany would follow the collapse of the Hitler regime. It is further assumed that this democracy would not again fall a prey to dictatorship.

There are, it is true, many indications that the German people, having experienced seven years of Hitler's rule, would welcome a return to a civilised form of government. But it should not be forgotten that for seven years National Socialism has been training the youth of Germany in accordance with its creed—training them to despise all those values which contribute to the democratic outlook. French opinion will be chary of assuming the permanence of a post-war democratic regime in Germany, and will, in consequence, be reluctant to accept any settlement which would leave in the hands of the German people the means wherewith to challenge once more the peace and security of their neighbours.

The considerations advanced here are not prompted by hostility to the "German people." It is merely suggested that the British public should be as conscious of its obligations toward the French, Polish and Czech peoples as it is of the claims advanced on behalf of the Germans.

It should be abundantly plain that there can be no enduring peace settlement unless France and Great Britain pursue a common policy. Nor is it sufficient that war aims should merely be elaborated by the British and French Governments. They must spring from a community of outlook between the two peoples, and the basis of that community of outlook must be a thorough understanding by each of the claims and aspirations of the other. "Daily Telegraph."

THE FEDERAL IDEA

When Washington intervened in behalf of the federal idea on the eve of the Constitutional Convention, and when Lincoln took his stand for its preservation among the United States, they both invited the animosity of individuals and groups who feared for their liberties. When international federation is proposed, citizens of countries included in the proposal find themselves confronted by doubts as to its effect on their freedom.

Americans are particularly sensitive to such questions. They feel that, more than some other peoples, they have reason to guard jealously every ounce of freedom and every inch of prerogative which they as individuals now enjoy. They present one of the stiffest tests for the idea of international federation.

On the other hand, they possess the soundest sort of equipment for testing this idea. They have been making the federal system work for a century and a half. Many of its pitfalls and most of its opportunities are already well known to them. Those who could not distinguish clearly between a League of Nations and a system of alliances would know almost by instinct whether an international federation was living up to its name.

Yet some Americans to-day voice suspicions that if their country joined a wider federation they would feel consequent limitations on liberty. Is this because they neglect to transfer their national experience into the international field?

Restrictions which international anarchy imposes on individuals tend to disappear under federation. The liberties that Washington hoped to establish and Lincoln fought to preserve are rooted in the federal idea. The individual living under federation has not only a greater abundance of liberty but has two champions protecting it instead of one. His freedom cannot be assailed by his own State without bringing federal

authority into action on his behalf. It cannot be assailed by the Federal Government without bringing the State and all champions of States' rights into action against the assailant.

Through federation as worked out in the United States individuals would gain wider liberty and surer protection of freedom, whether federation was confined to a region, to a continent or to a world. "Christian Science Monitor."

RIBBENTROP AND THE POPE

It would be interesting to know why the German Foreign Minister asked the Pope for an audience. Was it to explain the new German religion? Only last Christmas Goering's organ said of the Fuehrer that he was "for the German people what Christ was 'to the world of nearly 2,000 years ago, the messenger of the Almighty who proclaims peace on earth and goodwill for suffering mankind.'" Herr Streicher, speaking of the mission of the German race, said: "In your blood you are listening to the Voice of God." The first of a series of propositions drawn up by a leader of the Hitler Youth for the instruction of young men in Austria runs as follows: "Christianity is a religion for slaves and idiots." Ribbentrop is a man of great self-confidence, but even he might doubt whether he would convert the Pope to these views. The Nazi religion was condemned by the late Pope in a powerful encyclical on the persecution of the Church in Germany in 1937. He who takes the race, or the people, or the State, or the form of government... and defies them with an idolatrous worship perverts and falsifies the order of things created and commanded by God." Much has happened since 1937. The Nazis, after dividing Poland with the Bolsheviks, have treated their Roman Catholic victims worse than the Bolsheviks theirs. The Pope has denounced with passionate severity the inhuman treatment of the whole people of Poland, "the most pious and devout nation of Europe," and the report broadcast from the Vatican last January moved the conscience of the world. Ribbentrop is a man of great self-confidence, but he is also a man with a grim dramatic sense. For among the Germans he presented to the Pope were members of the Gestapo, the instruments employed for the worst of the barbarities inflicted on the Christians who took to the Pope as their father. It is as if Abdul Hamid had gone to visit the Pope to introduce his Bashis Zazouks. "Manchester Guardian."

JAPAN AND RUSSIA

The job which Russia has done is nothing to be proud of, either on the basis of right and wrong or on the basis of military showing. Considering numbers and military might, the Soviet armies have not distinguished themselves, even though they have been able to push through to a bloody victory and to force the Finns to sue for peace in order to stop the merciless destruction of peaceful people.

It may be mere coincidence, but we find it difficult to pass lightly the fact that Tokyo reports extra efforts to placate the United States just at the time Russian victory occupies the spotlight in world news. It is most probable that the Japanese know no more than anybody else about how much strengthening of the Russo-German alliance will result from the Russian victory in Finland. But self-evident is the fact that any Russian victory is void of joy for the Japanese, and the sore spot resulting from Germany's swapping Japan off for Russia as a team mate grows all the more sore when the Soviet and Nazi dictators have common cause for rejoicing.

Russia is now more free to aggravate the Japanese worries in connection with the establishment of their "new order in East Asia." "Manila Bulletin."

Germany To Get Away With Less In Future SHARPENING UP ALLIED POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.
DECISIVE ACTION FOR TIGHTENING THE BLOCKADE AGAINST SCANDINAVIAN EXPORTS TO GERMANY ARE IMMINENT AND ACTUAL MEASURES MAY, IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ALREADY, BE TAKEN WHEN MR. CHAMBERLAIN MAKES AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO POLITICAL CIRCLES.

Measures for reinforcing the Allied blockade may also be taken in south-western Europe.—Havas.

ARTILLERY FLARES INTO ACTION

Paris, To-day.

There has been considerable activity again between the Saar and the Vosges and artillery fire has been very heavy at certain points.

In Upper Alsace, the German yesterday continued pacifist and anti-British propaganda by means of streamers, placards, etc., to which the French replied with machine-gun fire.

There was little air activity owing to the weather, but there were a few reconnaissance flights by French and Germans over their respective enemy territories.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Last night's war communique states: "Fairly intense activity of both air forces."—Reuter.

FRENCH PLANE SECRET

Paris, To-day.

A secret commercial flight between France and Rio de Janeiro was recently carried out by a French sub-stratosphere plane, it is now revealed.

The crew of four were not out to break records but to prove that men, without special equipment, could make long commercial flights in a sealed cabin at heights of from 40,000 to 50,000 feet.

The crew fulfilled their mission and the plane has now been handed over to Air France for trials on the North Atlantic route.—Reuter.

SYRIA AND TURKEY IN TREATY RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

A treaty of friendship and good-will has been signed between the representatives of Syria and the Turkish Government.

The French Ambassador signed the treaty in the name of France and of Syria.—Havas.

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says that Mr. Winston Churchill's speech is regarded in Dutch political circles as foreshadowing the intensification of the Allied blockade.

They expect, in particular, a sharper control of exports to neutral countries with the object of ruling out the possibility of the goods being forwarded to Germany.

Clarity Of Main Points

In Paris, says Reuter, Mr. Churchill's speech was received with full agreement in official circles, where it is regarded as a vigorous and up-to-date statement of the Allies' position towards neutrals and non-belligerents.

The speech was especially welcomed for its uncompromising clarity on two points:

- (1) that the enemy is Germany.
- (2) the Allies do not want war with Russia unless it is forced upon them.

Sweden Disturbed

In Sweden, says Reuter's Stockholm correspondent, political circles cannot see the force of Mr. Churchill's suggestion that neutrals are supplying Germany with raw materials to prolong the war.

It is pointed out that it has been only recently that such significance has been attached to the export of Swedish iron ore. It is added that prior to the outbreak of war, this export trade to Germany was considered to be of only secondary importance.

Norwegians Uneasy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OSLO, TO-DAY.

"EVENTS ARE STRONGER THAN MEN AND THE GREAT POWERS ARE DECIDING THE FATE OF WHOLE EUROPE IN THE PRESENT CASE," THE JOURNAL OF NAVIGATION AND COMMERCE WRITES, REFLECTING THE GENERAL UNEASINESS AND APPREHENSION PREVAILING HERE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE TIGHTENING OF THE ALLIED BLOCKADE.

Most of the papers consider the internment of the German submarine U-21 as proof of Norwegian neutrality and the desire to conform with international law.

The papers also declare that with the return of spring, Scandinavian ore exports will cease to go through Norwegian ports and Swedish ore will be shipped to Germany direct through the Baltic Sea.—Havas.

Keynote of Speech

Keynote of Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast speech was:

"When we are asked to take, as a matter of course, interpretations of neutrality which give all advantages to the aggressors and inflict all disadvantages upon the defenders of freedom, I recall a saying of the late Lord Balfour: 'This is a singularly ill-contrived world, but not so ill-contrived as that.'"

NAZIS TO BUILD FOUR FAST CRUISERS

The Italian National Radio Agency reported from Berlin that four German cruisers will be built this year.

Each will displace 7,200 tons, will be 561ft. long and 19ft. wide. They will have a speed of 32 knots.

Their armament will consist of 12 150m.m.—6in.—guns, four 105m.m.—4in.—guns and 14 anti-aircraft guns. Each will have eight torpedo tubes.

PARLIAMENT MEETS TO-MORROW

London, To-day.

Both Houses of Parliament will meet on Tuesday after the Easter Recess.

The practice of sitting three days a week will be resumed in future to give Ministers more time for their departmental duties.

It is expected that the Prime Minister will make a statement on Tuesday regarding the recent meeting of the Supreme War Council and he will also be asked if he has any information regarding the subjects of the recent discussions between Hitler and Mussolini.—Reuter.

P.P.U. CLOSELY WATCHED

SIR W. DAVIDSON (CONS.) ASKED THE HOME SECRETARY WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN CALLED TO A RECENT STATEMENT BY A JUDGE WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE EAST AND WEST RIDING CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS' TRIBUNAL AS TO THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEACE PLEDGE UNION.

Sir John Anderson said that, while there was general agreement that provision should be made in the Military Service Act for the special treatment of conscientious objectors and the defence regulations should be so drawn as not to interfere with the ordinary propagation of opinions, he believed there was a widespread view that such activities as were referred to in the question would amount to an abuse.

The activities of this organisation were being carefully watched, and the question of whether special measures were called for would be kept in view.

Sir W. Davidson: Is he aware that the tolerance by the Government for so long a time of the activities of this society is an amazement to our friends and is holding us up to the ridicule of our enemies?

Mr. Sorensen (Soc.): Is he aware that his recent statement reflects very seriously on Mr. Lansbury, and does he intend to take action against him?

Sir John Anderson: No. I think a clear distinction should be drawn between a view genuinely held and certain methods of endeavouring to induce people to take advantage of those views.

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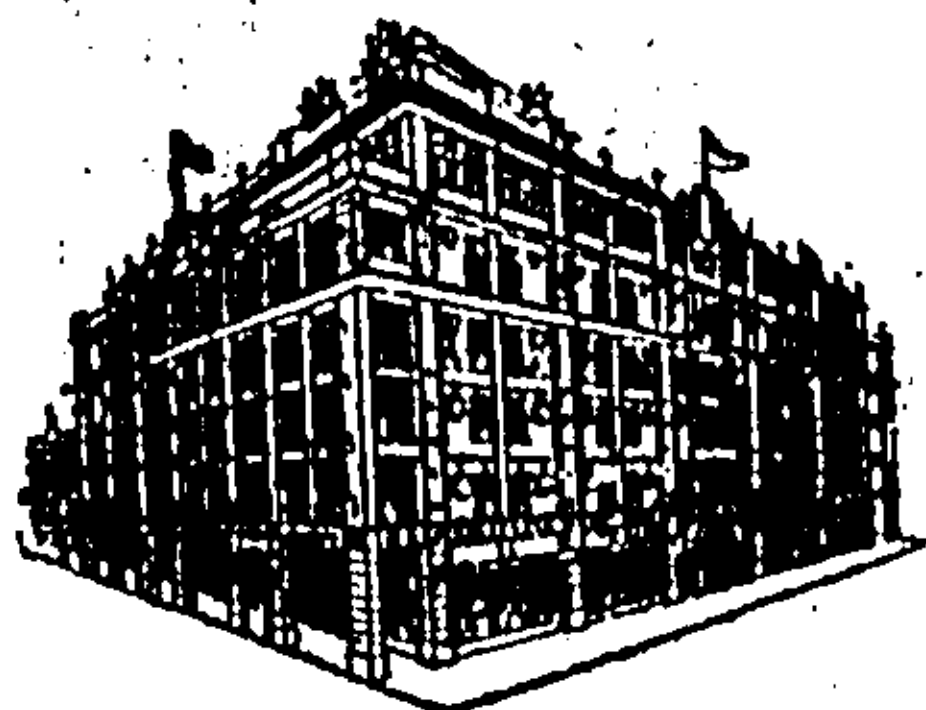
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I SAW Paris in the first sunlight of a new spring. Alsace, where I visited French troops in the front line, was in the grip of a hard winter. Brest was in its mantle of perpetual greyness.

For ten days I talked to French men and women, to hardworking Ministers, watchful soldiers, intrepid airmen, and modest sailors. And this I now know. Calm broods over France. But it is the cold calm of determination.

It is based on France's deep confidence in her power to resist the enemy on her frontier, and in the strength of Britain's comradeship in arms.

The new spring that I met in Paris may bring war.

Many who are in a position to judge, including soldiers in the front line, do not think that there will be war on the Western Front for some time to come. Some soldiers even say that they don't believe there will ever be war there at all. Another front must be found.

But France can take no chances. She has mobilised herself completely. Paris marches with London. Edouard Daladier, France's Prime Minister, talks most days to Mr. Chamberlain, Britain's Prime Minister, on the telephone.

UNITY

There never was such agreement between two capitals, such understanding between two Empires. Many times I felt, as I moved round Paris, that I was back in Whitehall.

The trial by fire and suffering has yet to come, but I could not escape the feeling, as others have said, that in this unity there is the foundation of the new Europe.

I felt it most when Raoul Dautry put out his small hand, with its perfectly manicured nails, and grasped one of the three telephones on his desk.

He told me that this was his direct line to London. By calling Whitehall he could ask for anything he wanted from our manufacturers, and get it by return of post, so to speak.

He, too, was amazed at the growth of this new spirit, and was obviously struck by its potentialities.

He told me rapidly of France's war effort, begged me to study the output of small factories, and to disregard the big ones. He exuded the confidence of the business man who has laid all his plans and sits waiting for the result.

Raoul Dautry is France's Minister of Armaments. His small, neat figure, his darting brown eyes, his staccato phrases, with their humour, belie his 59 years.

He rises early each day. I was asked to be at his office at 9 o'clock in the morning. I was warned not to be late.

The Minister of Armaments had been working for two hours when I arrived. Secretaries were coming and going from his room. There was an atmosphere of activity.

I waited. Dautry, who prides himself on punctuality, was three minutes late. He apologised.

This swarthy faced man, with the restless vigour of one in the early forties, reorganised France's State railways, and made them run to time, so that even in these war days when there is so much pressure of traffic they are never late.

I travelled more than 3,000 miles on these railways, and there was never any uncertainty, never any delay.

Dautry is trying to do the same with France's war supplies as he did with her railways. War supplies must be ready. They must arrive on time.

He has mobilised all the small factories in France. They are pouring out supplies.

NON-STOP FACTORIES

I visited small and large factories. They work 24 hours of the day. In one vast factory on the edge of Paris work has not stopped since the war started.

Not even the black-out has been allowed to slow down work, as it has in the case of many British factories.

Paris is still a City of Light compared with London. The cafes are not as full as they were before the war, nor do they remain open after midnight.

But Paris has not lost its glitter. There is still the spirit of gaiety, leavened with a new alertness.

Paris is still preparing for war. I wanted to see the war, so I went to a little house on the Kehl Bridgehead, in the dead City of Strasbourg.

There sat the Commandant of the French troops. He has lived in a comfortable apartment in a fashionable part of Strasbourg for 15 years, but he cannot visit his deserted home now.

NO "JOKE" FOR HIM

The law which gave the people of Strasbourg four hours' notice to vacate their homes imposes heavy penalties if they return. They cannot remove anything but the most essential of their belongings.

Two hundred and thirty thousand people lived in Strasbourg. They all left together.

The Commandant stood at the bridgehead, beneath the flags of Britain and France, and said simply: "War is no joke. It is not an arm-chair job. I cannot go to my home, even if I was allowed to do so."

Twelve hours previously one of the Commandant's lieutenants had been shot by a sniper.

I peered beneath a corner of a canvas screen, and looked along Kehl Bridge.

Two hundred and forty yards away was another canvas screen. Behind it I could distinguish the movements of men. Germans.

Their duty is to watch, without rest, Strasbourg—the City of Ghosts.

The stillness of Strasbourg was only equalled by the silence which surrounded the advanced post set in a French forest.

By
Wilson Broadbent

which I visited with a patrol of Chasseurs Alpins.

The night before I played kiss-in-the-ring with French soldiers, drank beer out of a tin hat, in final celebration of the Croix de Guerre which had been conferred on the lithe, dark-complexioned Captain.

OFF AT DAWN

Next morning, as dawn was breaking, I motored through the French lines.

I saw few soldiers, but I was told that the eyes and ears of the French Army never rest. At any moment there could be massed at a given point a force sufficient to meet the largest attack.

We came to a little town and pulled up outside a house with a courtyard. The sentry presented arms.

We met another French commandant. He had the healthy complexion of a man who lives always in the open air, a sportsman.

He greeted me genially. He might have been my host at a shooting party somewhere in England, judging by the way he talked.

He glanced at the sky, speculated on the weather, and then said suddenly, "Well, we must be off."

It was not until I heard a click, and turned my head to see the young officer by my side slipping a clip of cartridges into an automatic, that I appreciated the need for watchfulness.

We were walking up a hillside which was covered in snow. The officer began to talk. He warned me that we were going to a spot where one must move with care, talk only in whispers, and keep as close as possible to the trees.

We entered the wood. Through it, as far as the eye could see, there ran a wide path. The sun shone brightly on the clean, unmarked snow.

SHADOWS PROTECT US

But we could not walk along this path. We had to cling to the cold shadow of the dark beeches and firs.

The party moved along in Indian file. Every few yards we had to stop and wait while the 15 soldiers 20yds. in front searched the trees, bushes, and every obstacle ahead.

The Commandant carried a walking stick. He smoked a big-bowled pipe, with a long curly stem. Again I could not help looking on him as the genial host at a shooting party.

The soldiers were spread fan-wise in front of us, and signalled to one another by low whistles. The silence was broken sometimes by the crack of a twig, at others by the rattle of a rifle bolt.

Halfway through the woods we came upon a wide track. The day before a German patrol had been there and captured two French soldiers. Our patrol would not allow us to move on for 20 minutes, until this track had been thoroughly searched.

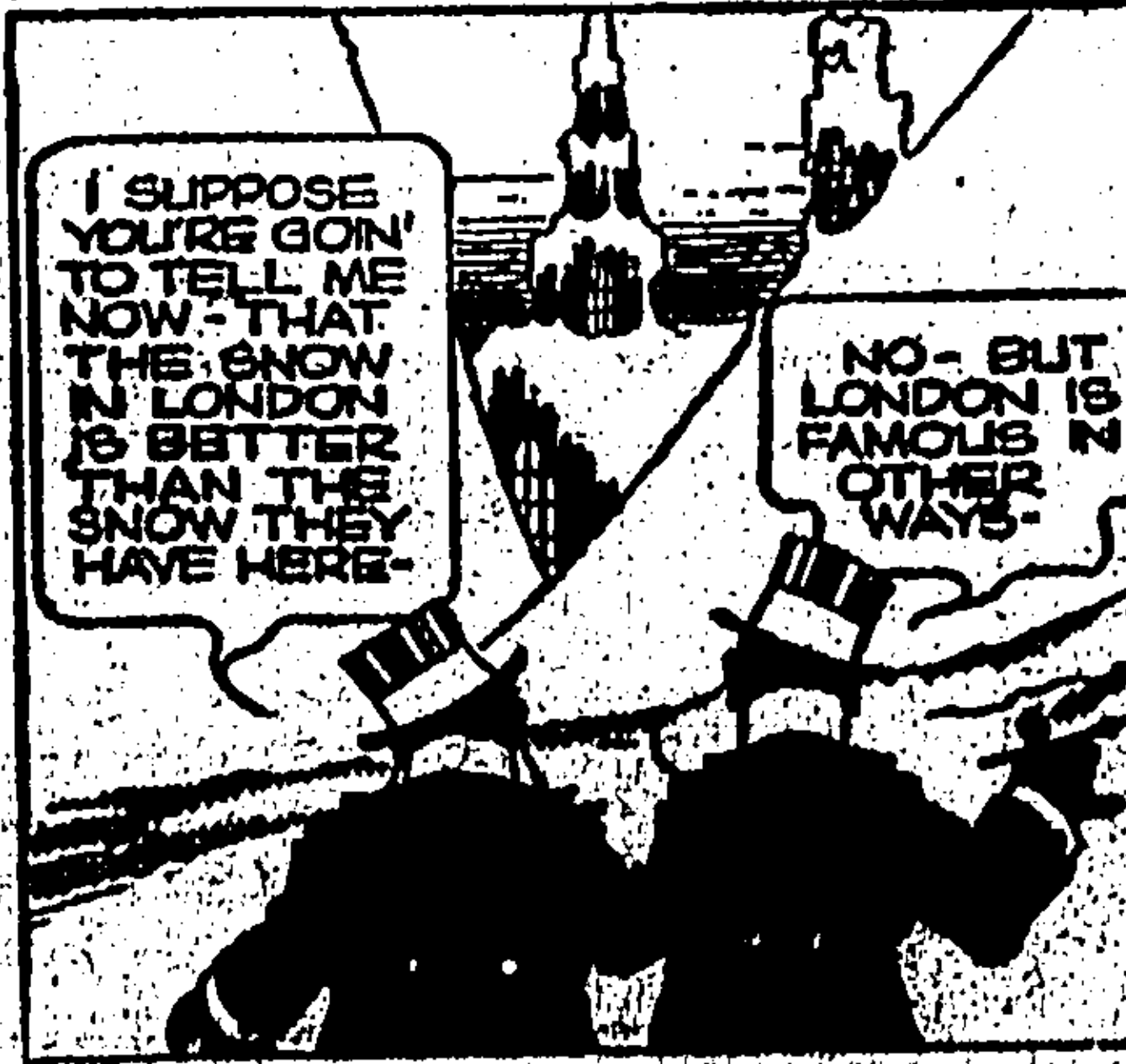
Eventually we moved again. Another mile trudging through sin. of snow brought us to the outpost, surrounded by barbed wire, through which we had to manoeuvre like Hampton Court maze.

200 YARDS AWAY

Thirty men were stationed in this outpost. (Continued on Page 11)

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



ITALY RECOGNISING WANG?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Rome, To-day.

The Italian Press announces, with evident satisfaction, the inauguration of Wang Ching-wel's puppet government in Nanking, hinting that Italy will grant early recognition.

Several papers publish Wang's appeal to Rome for co-operation "in the long and difficult task of reconstruction" which confronts him.—Havas.

WEYGAND IN PARIS!

Paris, To-day.

General Weygand, Commander-in-Chief of French Forces in the Middle East, conferred on Saturday night with M. Reynaud, the Premier.

It was not known that he was in Paris until the announcement was made after the meeting, which took place after a conference of the War Council lasting for three hours. — Reuter.

DAUTRY HAS A PRIVATE WIRE TO LONDON

(Continued on Page 10)

and they were to remain there for 12 days. Sometimes the duty lasts more than 12 days. Two hundred yards from this outpost were the German lines. But all was quiet on this day.

The soldiers were cleaning out their dug-out. The mud in the trench contrasted with the pure white snow which surrounded everything in the wood.

I asked the officer-in-charge if he found the time dragging, particularly at night.

He nodded, and then said: "But we don't mind. We are at war. Watch must be kept."

He did not add: "We must win this war at all costs," but I knew that was in his mind, for I could see the determined glint in his blue eyes.

His was the spirit that I met everywhere in France. I saw it in the tired eyes of the cruiser commander, who toasted the battle of the Altmarm, and in the bearing of the women who keep French farms as tidy as their houses, now that their men have gone to war for a second time.

NEW IRAK CABINET

Bagdad, To-day.

The Irak Cabinet has resigned. — Reuter.

A new Cabinet has been formed under Rashud al Gailini, with Nuri Said as his Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

MURDER TRIAL: NO WEAPON

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, LAM CHENG-HING STOOD TRIAL FOR MURDER OF LAM HING, IN GILLIES AVENUE ON JANUARY 29, BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AND A JURY COMPOSED OF MESSRS. T. J. BEATTIE, W. C. OGLEY, F. E. SILVA, J. N. WONG, J. E. ROCHA, P. L. L. BIAN, AND LEUNG SHUI-WING.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, crown counsel, assisted by Inspector Whant, appeared for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. Alfred Hon.

Mr. Murphy said accused lived at No. 8 Gillies Avenue, Hung Hom. He rented part of the floor for a bean sprout stall and lived at the address. Deceased and his wife were on friendly terms with accused. They lived at No. 71, Ma Tau-wai Road, just opposite.

The murder is alleged to have arisen out of a trivial quarrel over the ownership of the stall and stock-in-trade.

Early in January, accused, unable to pay his rent, arranged with Tang Lee and his wife, to take over the stall on payment of the overdue rent. A few days later accused told Tang that he had seen Lam Hing who wanted to take the stall over. Tsang agreed to give up the stall if he was refunded the amount he had paid. Lam Hing and his wife took over the stall on January 24 and the wife, opened up understanding that she was to run the stall on behalf of her husband.

Accused helped her on the first day but after that did not assist nor oppose her.

On January 29, about 7 p.m., deceased's wife closed the stall and drew water for the bean sprouts. At about 8 p.m., she saw her husband, accused and others near the stall. A quarrel arose over ownership of the stall and two earthenware jars. Blows were struck but no-one was able to say that they saw a knife used. Accused was seen running out of the floor chased by Lam Hing but after running about 50 paces Lam Hing collapsed and died shortly after. Evidence would be given that at no time did they come into contact with each other during the chase.

Deceased was later found to have 14 stab wounds. The Crown case was that they must have been inflicted by accused.

No weapon was found. The case is proceeding.

DEFENCE REGULATION IGNORED

Tam Chuen, 48, travelling trader, was fined \$20 by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with breach of the Defence Regulations.

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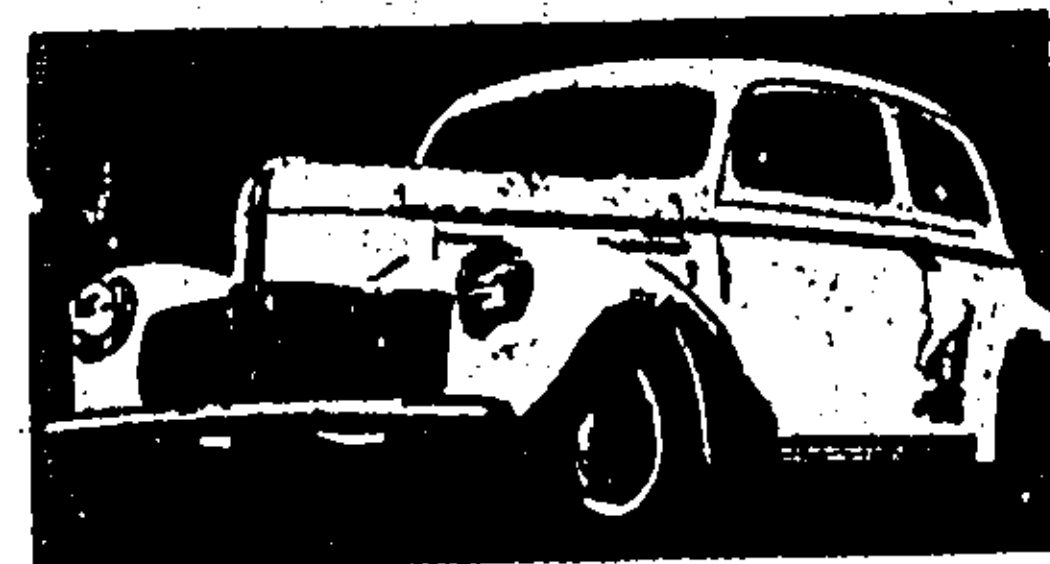
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd March	April 2.
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Saigon	April 2.
Shanghai	April 2.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	April 2.
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Shanghai	April 3.
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Straits and Calcutta	Mon., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.	
Canton	Apr. 1, 7.00 p.m.	
TUESDAY		
Shanghai	Apr. 2, 8.30 a.m.	
Straits and Calcutta	Tuesday, April 2.	
	Ord., Apr. 2, Noon.	
	Apr. 2, 1.30 p.m.	
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Shanghai and Japan	Par., Apr. 2, 4.00 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe Via Marseilles	Reg., Apr. 2, 5.00 p.m.	
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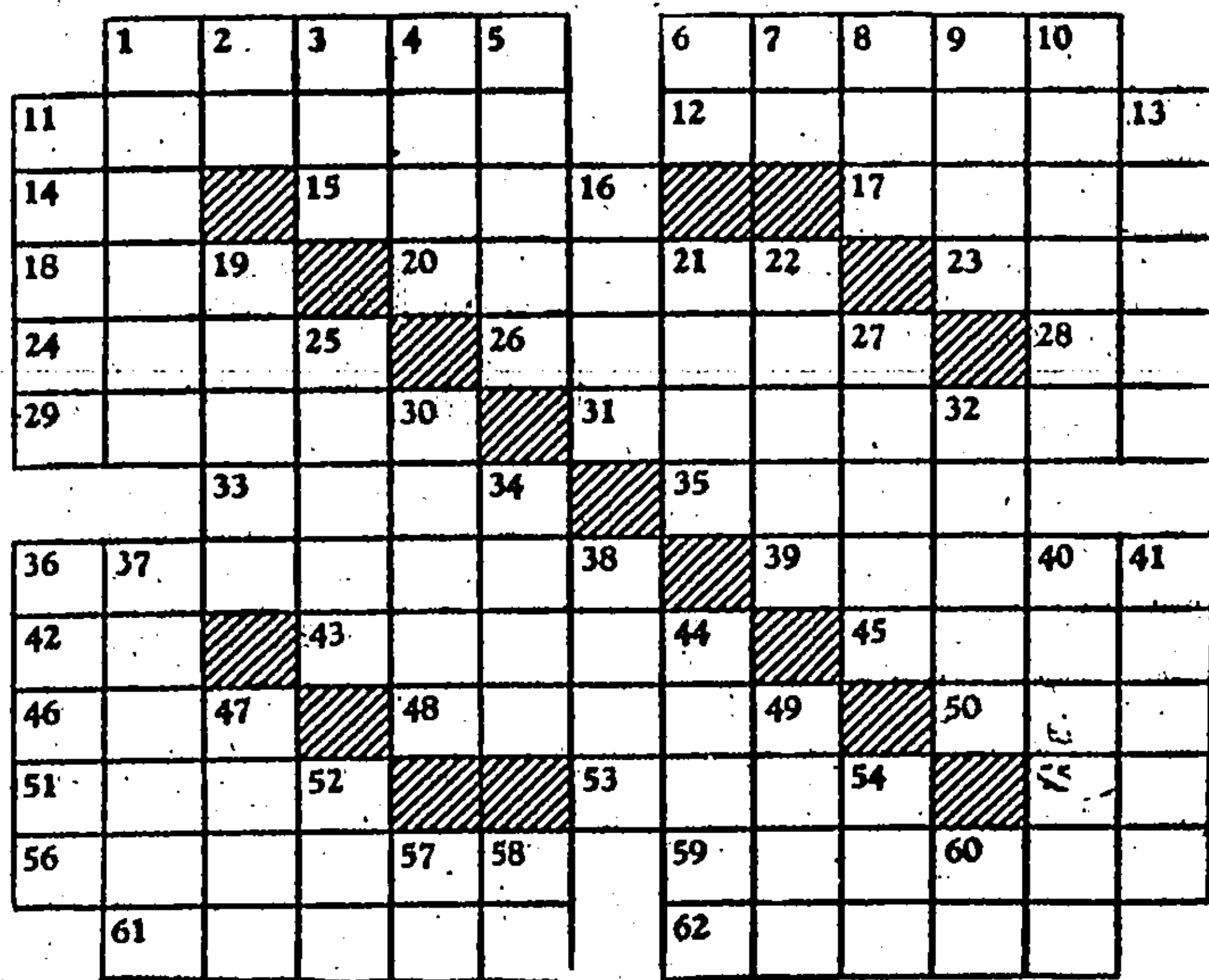
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- 14 Negative
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- 17 To blind
- 18 To be suitable
- 20 Convex molding
- 23 Tribe of Israel
- 24 Biblical country
- 26 Splits
- 28 European fish
- 29 To send back
- 31 Divisions
- 33 Wife of Geraint
- 35 Solar disc
- 36 Makes certain
- 39 French river
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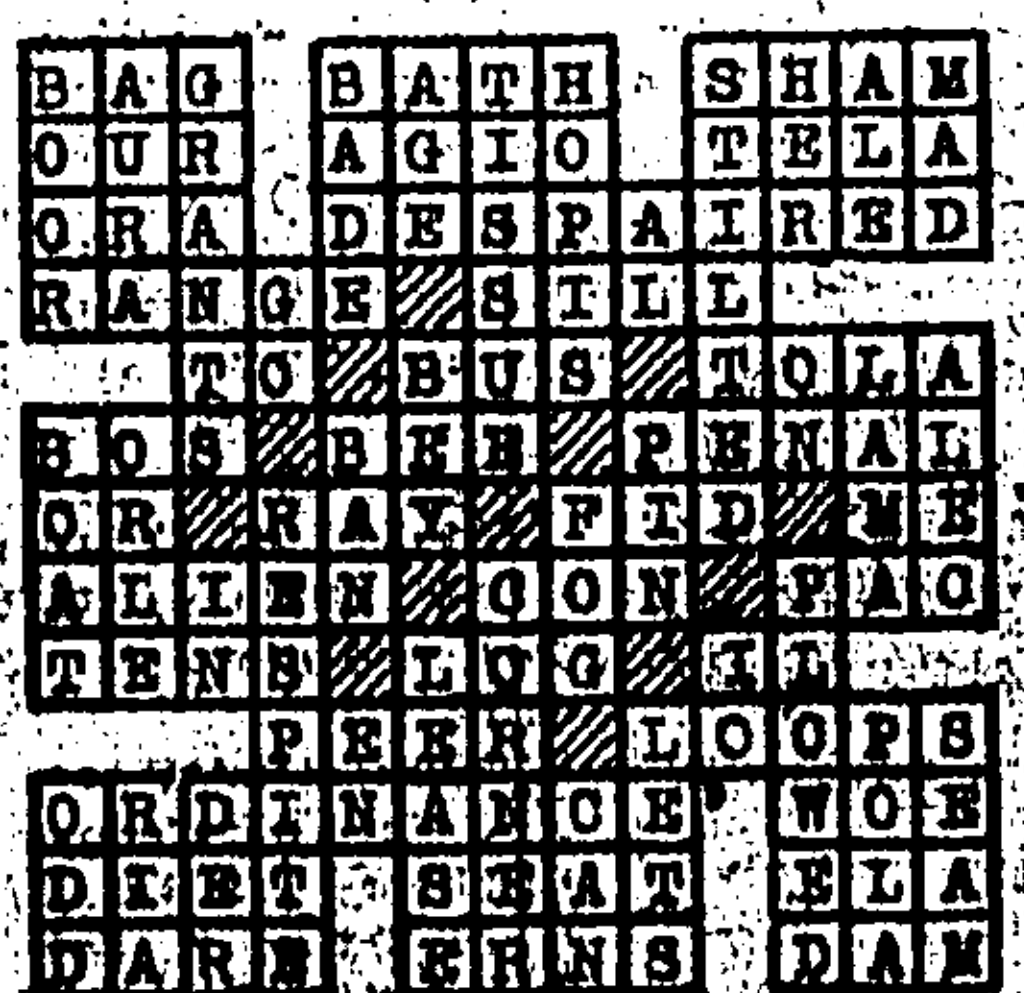
- 50 To bow
- 51 Settlement in Greenland
- 53 Narrow, thin board
- 55 Extremely
- 56 To draw back
- 59 More indigent
- 61 To clip
- 62 Cloys

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- 1 Gold-like alloy
- 2 Pronoun
- 3 Literary scraps
- 4 Intimation
- 5 Mummer
- 6 Pronoun
- 7 Upon

- 8 Hard-shelled fruit
- 9 Toward the mouth
- 10 To mend
- 11 To deduce
- 13 Passes
- 16 Goddess of discord
- 19 Volumes
- 21 Part of eye
- 22 Denominations
- 25 Less
- 27 Metal
- 30 Fatigued
- 32 Vegetable
- 34 Divine being
- 36 Colour
- 37 Retinues
- 38 To vend
- 40 Lassoos
- 41 Home of Saul's witch
- 44 Gathers
- 47 Philistine city
- 49 Portico
- 52 To hasten
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- 57 Egyptian deity
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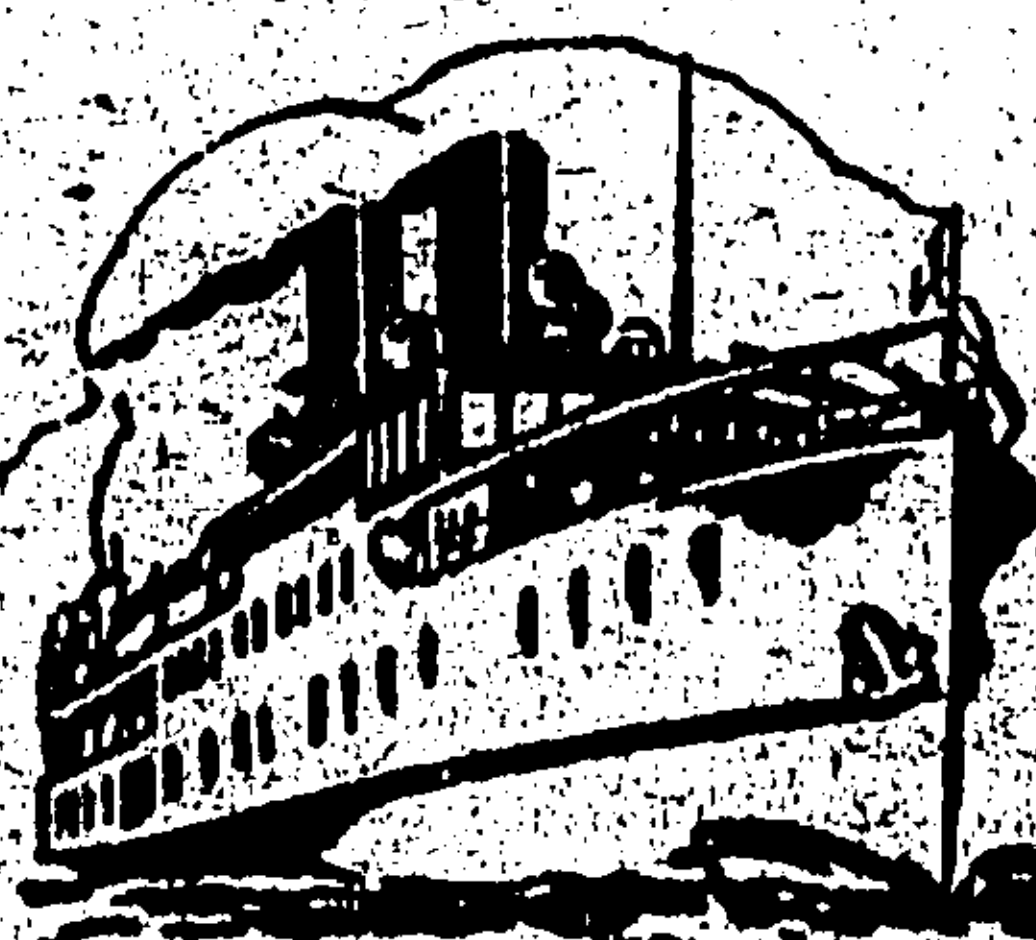
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Following are yesterday's Bisley Rifle Meeting results:—

THE RESULTS

H.K.R.A.:—The following qualify to fire the Bisley and Pirbright Competition for the Governor's Prize.—1, Lt. Le Scelleur (R.E.) 233; 2, C.E.R.A. Classey (R.N.) 231; 3, K. A. Gilpin (R.N.) 230; 4, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 229; 5, F/Sgt. Tollison (R.A.F.) 229; 6, P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo (H.K.P.R.) 228; 7, Sgt. Breese (R.M.) 227; 8, C.E.A. Templeton (R.N.) 227; 9, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 225; 10, C/Sgt. Hale (1. Mx.) 225; 11, Sgt. Heap (R.M.) 225; 12, Sgt. Puran Singh (H.K.P.) 224; 13, Lt. Cooper (1. Mx.) 223; 14, Sub-Lt. Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 223; 15, Cpl. Brighty (R.E.) 222; 16, P/Sgt. K. C. Wong (H.K.P.R.) 222; 17, A. F. Evans (R.A.F.) 221; 18, Insp. Hopkins (H.K.P.) 221; 19, A.S.P. David Dole (H.K.P.R.) 221; 20, Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) 220.

R.E. Officers Cup:—Mnc. Croft (R.N.R.S.) 252.

The Inter University Match:—1, Birmingham University.—Lt. Dawson 46; 2/Lt. Badger, J. 39 (total 85) 2, Oxford University Lt. Holmes 43; 2/Lt. Jones, C. R. 35 (total 78).

The Company Match:—1, H.M.S. Tamar 378 2, "B" Coy. 1st. Kumaon Rifles 294.

S.R.A. Championship Aggregate:—1, Sgt. Baker, (Mx.) 206; 2, Spr. Allo (R.E.) 200; J. L/c. Pemberton (R.E.) 194; 4, Sgt. Green (R.S.) 193; 5, Mnc. Barton (R.M.) 192.

The Treasurers Prize:—1, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) (48); 2, Sgt. Rushman (N.R.S.) (48); (After shoot off); 3, Sgt. Breese (N.R.S.) 47; 4, C/Sgt. Hale (1. Mx.) 47; 5, E. A. Gilpin (R.N.) 47; 6, Cpl. Brighty (R.E.) 47; Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 47.

The Machine Gun Match:—1, Kumaon Rifles, A 130; 2, Kumaon Rifles B 117.

Team Revolver Match:—1, H.K.P. 97; 2, H.K.P.R. 55.

The "Affiliated Rifle Clubs" Match:—1, Police.—Insp. Hopkins 46; Sgt. Russell 47; Sgt. Perkins 46; Sgt. Puran Singh 44; Sgt. Chandar Singh 45; Sgt. Roberts 42; (total 270).

Revolver Pool:—Sgt. Hoo, \$2; Mr. Tansley, 1.50; Mr. Mills, 50 cents.

The Public School "Veterans" Challenge Trophy A:—1, Malborough Sub/Lt. G. J. P. Carey, 47; Sub/Lt. F. R. L. Carey, 45; (total 92).

B.—1, Cheltenham Capt. Brown, 42; Major White, 42; (total 84).

Council Cup:—1, Cpl. Brighty (R.E.) 49; 2, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 49; After a shoot off; 3, Sub-Lt. Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 48; 4, Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 47; 5, Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) 47.

Consolation:—1, Sgt. Heap (R.M.) 40; 2, Mr. Peckham (D.R.C.) 40; 3, R.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 45; 4, S. Insp. A. C. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 45; 5, L/Sgt. Puran Singh (H.K.P.) 45; 6, Capt. Sequeira (H.K.V.D.C.) 45; 7, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 45; 8, A.S.P. D. Lole (H.K.P.R.) 44; 9, Lt. Le Scelleur (R.E.) 44.

"Inter-Imperial and Police Forces" Match:—1, Regular Army Lt. Le Scelleur, 48; Lt. Dawson, 46; Lt. Otway, 45; Lt. Cooper, 43; C/S. Hale, 48; Cpl. Brighty, 43; (total 273).

Clay Bird Section H.K.R.A.:—Daily Competitions.—30.3.40 Prize—List. Single Rise open. Winner, Lt. Bateman. Runner up, Capt. Newton.

Handicap Winner, Capt. Newton. Runner up, Maj. White. Owing to the weather, no double competitions were held.

Army and Navy Cup:—1, Sub. Insp. C. C. Chau (H.K.P.R.) 46; 2, J. Guard (D.R.C.) 45; 3, Lieut. Le Scelleur (R.E.) 45; 4, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 45; 5, E. A. Gilpin (R.N.) 44.

Consolation Prizes:—Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.) 43; Capt. Sequeira (H.K.V.D.C.) 43; F/Sgt. Tollison (R.A.F.) 43; Major White (2 R.S.) 43; Lieut. Dawson (1. Mx.) 42; Sgt. Heap (R.M.) 42; Lt. Otway (R.E.) 42; C/Sgt. Hale (1. Mx.) 42; Mo. Peckham (D.R.C.) 42.

The Long Range Aggregate:—1, Lieut. Otway, (R.E.) 91; 2, L/Sgt. Nunn, (R.E.) 80; 3, Lieut. Le Scelleur, (R.E.) 89; 4, S/Insp. C. C. Chau, (H.K.P.R.) 88; 5, E. A. Gilpin, (4. Shb. Fl.) 88.—Consolation Sweepstakes.—Capt. Sequeira, (H.K.V.D.C.) 88; Mr. Guard, (D.R.C.) 87; Sub. Lt. Carey, (H.K.N.V.F.) 87.

2nd. Stage Aggregate:—1, Lieut. Le Scelleur, (R.E.) 141; 2, C.E.R.A. Classey, (4th Sub. Flt.) 138; 3, P/S. K. C. Hoo, (H.K.P.R.) 137; 4, C.E.A. Templeton, (R.N.) 136; 5, C/Sgt. Hale (1/Mx.) 136; 6, E. A. Gilpin, (4th. Sub. Flt.) 135; 7, Sgt. Russell, (H.K.P.) 135; 8, Sgt. Heap, (R.M.) 134; 9, Lieut. Otway (R.E.) 134.

Consolation—Sgt. Breese, (R.M.) 133; L/Sgt. Puran Singh, (H.K.P.) 132; Lieut. Cooper, (1/Mx.) 132; Sub. Insp. C. C. Chau, (H.K.P.R.) 132.

The Brookwood Competition, S.R.A. Class M.:—1, Pte. Sim, (2 R.S.) 41; 2, Pr. Stewart, (2 R.S.) 40; 3, P. C. Bachan Singh (H.K.P.) 40.

Consolation Prize. 1, Mr. Modhurst, (D.R.C.) 40; 2, Mnc. Barton, (R.M.) 38; 3, L/C. Sharrock (2 R.S.) 35.

S.R. (a) Class X.—1, Spr. Allo, (R.E.) 44; 2, L/Cpl. Wood, (2nd R.S.) 44; (To be shot off); 3, Cpl. Hammond (H.K.V.D.C.) 42.

Consolation.—1, Mr. White, (D.R.C.) 40; 2, Mr. Tynemouth, (D.R.C.) 39; 3, L/Cpl. Pemberton, (R.E.) 39.

S.R. (b) Class X.—1, Lieut.

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WOMAN CAME FROM NAZI GAOL, INTERNED

A woman of British nationality, Miss Rose Falkner, who was detained by Special Branch detectives under the Emergency Powers Regulations, has been interned.

The woman went to Germany six days before the war, saying she was visiting her father and mother. She was born in England, and has lived here nearly all her life.

When war was declared she was detained in a German prison, but was released at the instance of a police official in Munich, who is said to be related to her.

She returned to this country with a number of repatriated Englishwomen and obtained employment at a West End hotel.

It is alleged that when she was seen by the detectives she was in possession of both British and German passports.

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S.R. (b) Class M.—1, P.S.M. Clements, (2nd. R.S.) 43; 2, Mr. Gullman, (D.R.C.) 43. (To be shot off).

Consolation.—1, Sgt. Bremner, (2nd. R.S.) 43; 2, Mnc. Croft, (N.R.S.) 43; 3, L.A.C. Hunt, (R.A.F.) 41.

The Shortdown Competition.—Result of Shoot on S.R.B. Class M.—1, Pte. Scott (40) (3 R.S.); 2, Sgt. Bremner (3 R.S.); Consolation Prize.—1, L.A.C. Hunt (R.A.F.); 2, C.S.M. Challs (1. Mx.); 3, Maj. White (R.S.).

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The first ship to be launched will be the President Jackson, toward the end of May at the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, where all seven vessels are being built.

The ships will carry 100 passengers and 124 crew. They will be 492 feet long, 69.5 feet beam, and have a speed of 6½ knots. They will be of 9,300 tons gross and will maintain a schedule of 98 days around the world.

The names are those of the present ships in the round-world service with one exception. The President Harrison will be replaced by the President Jackson.

The 98-day schedule will cut 14 days off the schedule maintained by the present fleet.

LAWYER'S FEE £200,000

New York, March 18.

Samuel Untermyer, world's highest paid lawyer, died from pneumonia and heart trouble at his Palm Springs, California, home last night. He was 80.

Untermyer gave more than £5,000,000 to charities. He took a part in the most famous corporation lawsuits in the United States, and was often paid £2,000 a day.

William Fox paid him £200,000 for three months' work reorganising the Fox Film Company. A fee of £150,000 was paid him for merging the Utah Copper Company with the Boston and Nevada Consolidated Company — a £20,000,000 deal.

Untermyer arranged for the purchase by an American syndicate of the properties of the Archduke of Austria — a £40,000,000 deal. He was an ardent Liberal, an anti-Nazi, and a campaigner for the rights of the Jews.

GURKHAS CAPTURE SNIPERS'

Two columns of troops and detachments of frontier police recently began operations designed to clear the Ahmedzal Sallent, north of Bannu, of hostile gangs.

These tribesmen, supported by the notorious Fakir of Ipl, have been responsible for kidnapping, murder and arson in the settled districts of the North-West Frontier Province for months past.

According to a communique two companies of Gurkhas, supported by artillery, were conspicuously successful in evicting tribal snipers from caves dug in the face of precipitous cliffs.

The object of the operations is to evict the gangs which are led by notorious outlaws, and subsequently build roads and establish a temporary post in an effort to make it impossible for hostile tribesmen to find refuge in the area.

FIRST BOMB TARGETS

Lord Denham, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, stated at Ipswich that one of the main difficulties in his campaign on behalf of the "Grow more food" campaign was that so many people felt that the war had not started.

"When the bombing does start, as it well may any moment, what is going to suffer first? Probably the ports, and secondly the railways and the transport system. Then, perhaps a little late, many people will realise how vital it is to make ourselves self-supporting."

MAN WHO WANTED FRONT-PAGE DEATH

New York, March 16.

Emanuel Eisenberg, 35-year-old Broadway publicity man (he was Press agent for Gertrude Lawrence's hit "Skylark," and the Group Theatre productions), always said he wanted to die as he lived—spectacularly.

To-day his name is splashed across the front page of every New York newspaper, and in death he has been given more publicity than he ever achieved in life.

Yesterday he went to the Floyd Bennett flying field and hired Joseph Rosemarin to give him a flying lesson.

After about half an hour's flying Eisenberg asked the pilot to head over Manhattan.

Rosemarin refused, saying the weather was too bad. Next second Eisenberg attacked him with a pair of pliers and hit him viciously.

Finally Eisenberg got his feet jammed on the controls. The plane plunged headlong into New York harbour near the Statue of Liberty.

Harbour police rescued Rosemarin, badly injured, but they failed to find the publicity agent. He was washed ashore to-day.



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Love's Song Is Sung (Salmon & Russell);
Take, O Take Those Lips Away; Hey, Ho, The Wind and The Rain (Shakespeare & Quilter); Go, Lovely Rose (Waller & Quilter)...with Piano accomp.

6.42 p.m.—D'Erlanger—The Hundred Kisses. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.
7.00 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
Love Tales (Selection of celebrated Love Songs)...New Mayfair Orchestra.
Cordoba (Albeniz); Granada (Albeniz)...Orchestra Odeon.
7.15 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of the Salvation Army by Major Willcocks.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.
Humoreske (Dvorak); Schlaf, Mein Prinzchen, Schlaf Ein (Mozart); Guter Mond, Du Gehst So Stille—Folk Song...with Piano accompaniment.
8.17 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger-Rag-muffins.
Ragging The A.C.E. (Stainforth).
Sarawaki (Val Gordon).
Hot Lips (Busse-Lange-Davis).
I'm A Ding Dong Daddy (Baxter).
8.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trots—The Pretty Little Quaker Girl; If I Didn't Care...Gerald & His Orchestra.
Tango—Red Poppies...Emil Roosz & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Follow My Footsteps (film 'I can take it').
Quickstep—Only Once (film 'I can take it')
...Jack Harris & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Blue Hawaii; Sparkling Waters of Waikiki...Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from 'Cotton Club Parade')...Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
8.55 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Dr. Abernethy" by Dr. Norsworthy.
9.05 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Tears from My Inkwell; You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By...Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Tango—Love Letter...Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Vocal Scottish Programme by Mary Kay (Contralto) and Joseph Hislop (Tenor).
Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomond; My Mother (Marsden)...Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Danny Boy (Weatherley); My Ain Folk (Lemon, Mills)...Mary Kay (Contralto) with Piano.
Ye Banks and Braws (arr. Lees); O Sing To Me The Old Scotch Songs (Leeson)...Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orch.
Love's Old Sweet Song (Molly); A Brown Bird Singing (Barrie-Haydn-Wood)...Mary Kay (Contralto) with Piano.
Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox); Macgregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn)...Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orchestra.
10.02 p.m.—Roscoe—Merchant of Venice

Suite. London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Clifford Greenwood.
10.19 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in E Minor, Op. 90. Egon Petri (Piano).
10.33 p.m.—Berlin State Opera Orchestra.
Eugen Onegin—Waltz & Polonaise (Tchaikowsky).
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"—Overture (Mendelssohn).
"The Bartered Bride"—Overture (Smetana).
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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POOR JUDGMENT

There is one attribute of the good Bridge player which can never be acquired from a textbook. This particular quality we refer to is of paramount importance. It is called "judgment." Judgment is the matter of judging your own hand correctly. Furthermore it takes into account the bidding of the other three players and placing the proper evaluation on each one of their hands. For example, let's consider North's bidding. His double of the opening heart bid showed a fine hand. Next, his bid of clubs at the range of four showed a good long suit. Finally, North showed belated support for spades by taking his partner to game in that suit. From North's bidding South should have inferred that he held an exceptionally long club suit and only three spades. And, since it is usually unsound to play a game contract with only seven trumps, South (especially after the double) should have bid five clubs, which would have been a laydown. As it was

West opened his singleton club. Dummy won and played the spade King. This was allowed to hold and a second spade was played. This time West won with the Ace and played, the King of hearts, which was trumped in dummy. A low diamond was played. East jumped in with the King, then gave his partner a club ruff. West then cashed his Ace of hearts to set the contract. While South was set only one trick, the penalty might have been much worse if trumps had broken badly.

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ A J x
♥ Q 10 x x
♦ Q J x x
♣ K x

The bidding:

Maier Burnstone You Schenken
2NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid six notrump. Any lesser bid may be dropped, and the Slam should be almost certain even if partner has a minimum two-notrump bid.
Score 100% for six notrump 60% for five notrump, 20% for four notrump (may be dropped), 0 for three notrump.

QUESTION NO. 372

Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ Q J x x
♥ A K x
♦ A K x
♣ A J x

The bidding:

You Jacoby Schenken Burnstone
2NT Pass 4NT Pass
(?)

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♥ —
♦ A 8 6
♣ A K J 9 5 4 3
♠ A 10 4
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 3
♣ 9 5 2
♠ 8
♠ Q J 9 5
♥ 9 4
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ 10 6 2

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3♥ 4♠ 4♥ Pass
Pass 4♠ Pass Pass
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Losers Go Close In Second Half

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY HSU KING-SENG

By "REFEREE"

FAR THE FITTER TEAM and playing on top form Eastern won the Senior Shield soccer final yesterday when they defeated South China "A," holders, by the odd goal in three in an evenly contested match before the largest crowd seen at a local football match.

Eastern deserved their win for they displayed better form though, in the second half, they were on the defensive for a considerable time and South China went near scoring on several occasions.

The success of Eastern was due in no small measure to their intermediate line, where Hsu King-seng was outstanding. On his display yesterday he is undoubtedly the best pivot in the Colony at the moment.

Clean in his play but fast and daring in his tackling he gave little rope to the South China forwards, covering Lee Wai-tong well. Hsu was a tireless worker and was up with his forwards and back in the defence when wanted. His distribution was very good and he always found his men, generally the wingers.

Another Eastern player to shine was Tsang Chung-wan. He never placed a foot wrong and cleared his lines with clean and powerful kicking, frustrating many a dangerous move by South China by his positioning.

Lau Tse-chan, the right half, was a great stickler. He was often pulled up for petty fouls but he gave neither Ip Pak-wah nor Lai Shui-wing much opportunity to indulge in inter-passing.

Lee Tak-kee, Hau Ching-to and Chung Yung-sum were the best of the Eastern forwards.

Lee Tak-kee played one of his best games and distributed the ball well, not getting rid of the ball unless he had first drawn a defender. His passes to both wingers were well placed.

Chung Yung-sum had Fook Yui-wah beaten from the start. The left half could not cope with his speed

and Chung was, in consequence, the most dangerous winger in the first half.

Hau Ching-to displayed his usual speed and gave the South China defence the most worry. He was equal to Soong Ling-sing in most things and when he did evade the attention of the latter was always dangerous with his cut-ins which gave the Chinese defence anxious moments.

SOUTH CHINA DISORGANISED

South China did not play as they usually do. The inside trio of which much was expected could not function with wanted precision. Ip Pak-wah and Tang Kwong-sam were good only in patches.

Their intermediate-line was weak. Fok Yui-wah an inexperienced player could not mark Chung Yung-sum and, in the second half, was a mere passenger; he had to leave the field for a time. This threw additional work on Leung Wing-chui and Soong Ling-sing, and was the indirect cause of Eastern's winning goal.

Lee Ting-sang was the hero of the South China defence. Oft-times he stood between two Eastern forwards and the goal and, in the closing stages when South China were a man short, he did more than his share at back.

Mak Shui-hon put in some good work but was not fast enough for Hau Ching-to.

SENSATIONAL OPENING

Play opened sensationally and in the first minute Eastern had obtained the lead though Chung Kam-

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Mention must be made of the admirable manner in which the game was controlled by Mr. H. Beard assisted by his linesmen Messrs. Minnham and Foster.

His decisions were quick, unhesitant and decisive and he wasted no time in signalling the re-commencement of play.

He seldom used his whistle for the goal kicks to be taken, but did so at least twice, when Lau Hin-hon Eastern's goalkeeper was apparently trying to waste time and delay the play.

hoi. After a period of attacking South China drew level through Fung King-cheong.

Eastern took the lead again through a penalty taken by Cheung Kam-hoi and held this lead till the interval.

In the second half the play was all South China for a considerable period and Lee Wai-tong equalised in the 28th. minute with a fast grounder.

Excitement ran high and it seemed that South China had now obtained the measure of Eastern for they attacked and were awarded several corners and free kicks but, though they went near, were unable to score. Eastern scored the winning goal through Hau Ching-to, who received a pass, sprinted down the wing, cut in beat Mak Shui-hon and sent a weak shot past Tam Kwan-kon.

At the conclusion of the game Lady Macgregor presented the trophies to the teams.

South China "A":—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-hon, Lee Ting-sang; Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-chiu, Fok Yui Wah; Tang Kwong Sum, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

Eastern:—Lau Hip-hon; Chang Ying-kuen, Tsang Chung-wan; Lo Wai-kuen, Hsu King-seng, Lau Tse-tsang; Chung Yung-sum, Cheong Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Ng Kee Cheong and Hau Ching-to.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER GAME

The runners-up position of the First Division of the Football League will probably be decided this afternoon when Eastern meet Kowloon on the Club ground at 5 p.m.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

An interesting tennis game should be witnessed this afternoon when S. A. Rumjahn meets J. W. Leonard in the quarter-finals of the Open Singles Championship on the stand court which is being used for the first time this season.

PROGRAMME

Following is to-day's programme:

OPEN SINGLES

A. Crawford v Pang Oi-lam (1).
S. A. Rumjahn v J. W. Leonard (Stand Court).

OPEN DOUBLES

T. A. Pearce and B. C. Yip v T. C. Chan and Marsland Ma (8).

HANDICAP SINGLES

T. C. Monaghan (—4/6) v D. M. MacDougall (—15/2) (6).

A. H. Barwell (—1/6) v J. C. Pool (—1/6) (7).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. C. Beavan and A. K. Mackenzie (—1/6) v J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard (—5/6) (2).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

C. M. Stark and Miss J. Reeve (—3/6) v Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson (—5/6) (3).

B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley (—15/3) v V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph (scratch) (4).

K.C.C. BEAT C.S.C.C.

At Cox's Road yesterday Kowloon Cricket Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 3 wickets in a whole-day cricket match.

CIVIL SERVICE

J. E. Richardson, b Anderson	84
W. H. Colledge, c Broadbridge, b Lloyd	18
A. E. Perry, c Mulcahy, b Taylor	28
R. H. Griffiths, lbw., b Lloyd	6
D. McLellan, b Lloyd	11
D. Hollidge, not out	18
K. J. Atwell, not out	28
Extras	7

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 198

B. C. K. Hawkins, F. E. Lawrence, N. Whitley and R. J. Fenton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	11	1	52	1
Fincher	7	0	39	0
Lloyd	19	0	81	3
Anderson	4	0	19	1

KOWLOON

D. Hung, b Fenton	40
W. Mulcahy, c Hawkins, b Fenton	9
N. A. E. Mackay, b Fenton	16
D. J. N. Anderson, st. Colledge, b Hawkins	60
E. F. Fincher, b Fenton	53
A. Zimmermann, not out	6
W. Rapley, b Whitley	0
N. D. Lloyd, c Hollidge, b Fenton	1
G. E. Taylor, not out	2
Extras	12

Total (for 7 wks.) 199

R. T. Broadbridge and H. Brokenshire did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	6	1	30	0
McLellan	7	0	43	0
Fenton	12	2	50	5
Whitley	11	1	54	1
Hawkins	1	0	10	1

GUNNERS WIN

In the Junior Shield final, the 30th R.A. thoroughly deserved their victory over the Royal Engineers by 2—1 after leading by 1—0 at the interval.

The Engineers played without Moxham, their brilliant goal-keeper who was still on the injured list, whilst Shaw, centre-half, has not yet fully recovered from an injury sustained at cricket.

Flanders scored for Gunners in first half and increased the lead after the interval.

Fox scored for Sappers. Royal Engineers:—Lam, Wai-seng; Tang Chung-pak; Palmer; Jones, Shaw and Birrell; Taylor, Chan Kam-poi, Fox, Falham and Iley.

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GRAPHIC GOLF



Next Article.—Golf Warm up Helpful.

INTERESTING GAME AT K.C.C.

NOTWITHSTANDING A GROUND, which in the early stages was sodden, conditions at Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday for cricket were fairly pleasant, the sun being extremely hot but being tempered in part by occasional breeze.

It was an interesting game throughout and, although at one period it appeared fairly certain that K.C.C. would win easily, an astonishing batting collapse in the last 10 minutes caused the home skipper, Ernie Fincher, some anxiety, and kept the game alive until the last ball.

On a wicket that was not as difficult as might have been expected, Civil Service, after some quick scoring off the first few overs during which both Fincher and G. E. Taylor,

the only bowlers then present in the team, were unable to strike a length and were consistently short, settled down to score steadily.

Taylor, Fincher and Lloyd, who subsequently arrived, were trying something all the time and Richardson and Perry both found difficulty in getting the ball away on the slow outfield.

Richardson reached his 50, scored out of 87, after 55 minutes and after lunch went on to make 84 before

bowled by Anderson — a beautiful ball. Perry made 26 and Attwell shaped very confidently for 28 not out and, at 3.45, McLellan very sportingly declared.

LLOYD'S FINE BOWLING

Lloyd stuck grimly to his task all the time he was present and bowled no fewer than 19 overs without relief, although he had a break during the lunch interval. He was unfortunate on many occasions and his analysis in no ways reflects the merit of his performance.

Kowloon's innings was started by Hung and Mulcahy and both took few chances, waiting for their scoring opportunities and making no efforts to score off the better balls.

Eventually Mulcahy lost patience and in attempting a big hit off Fenton, was caught by Hawkins at deep mid-off. Hung by this stage was beginning to open up and he scored fairly regularly by means of the hook. He attempted this shot once too often, however, and was bowled by Fenton.

Anderson and Mackay carried the score along for a while but when the latter was dismissed and Ernie Fincher took over, the Civil Service attack was completely collared and the partnership between Anderson and Fincher realised 102 runs.

With Anderson and Fincher dismissed there came that collapse, Fenton and Whitley both bowling some good stuff and McLellan fighting a forlorn hope to the end.

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Does the formation of Wang's "Government" mark a new and decisive stage in Far Eastern evolution?

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"After two and a half years of undeclared war, giving them control of North China, of certain central provinces and the coast, Japan is still confronted with enormous difficulties in her aim of enforcing permanent cooperation between Japan, China and Manchuria by bringing the two other countries under Japanese control.

"The problem is to connect the regional regimes established under Japanese control and thus create a new central authority ready to cooperate with Japan on terms of mutual confidence.

"The problem is especially difficult as the war is still going on in China and Chiang Kai-shek's troops continue fighting.

CHUNGKING INDOMITABLE

"Chungking's Government, which is recognised by all third Powers except Japan, is indomitable and determined to pursue its task."

The article concludes: "There will be no great changes in the situation. The Nanking power is not recognised."

Chungking continues to be recognised as the only legal government in China in foreign relations as the United States has proclaimed."—Havas.

OLYMPIC GAMES OFF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

THE TWELFTH OLYMPIC GAMES ARE NOT TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR, OFFICIAL FINNISH QUARTERS STATED LAST EVENING.

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The mean temperature for the month was 63.6 deg. F, which is normal; a maximum of 77.60 deg. was recorded on the 31st, and a minimum of 53.0 deg. on the 21st. The mean relative humidity was 84 per cent., which is 1 per cent. above normal.

Sunshine amounted to 99 hours, against a normal of 94 hours. The total rainfall was 12.91 inches, which is nearly 10 inches above normal; this is a record for March, the previous highest total being 11.49 inches in 1905. The highest daily total of 4.45 inches on the 16th is also a record for the month.

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